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HALLOWEEN HOOLIGANS - Boxing movie legend Rocky Balboa (Mike Stewart) and his trainer Micky (Andrew Sukhiani), warm up with theme music blasting from a personal stereo before entering the Turret Nightclub on Monday, October 31, 2005. **FOR A UNIQUE TAKE ON WLU AND HALLOWEEN SEE OPINION PAGE 7**

Women's lacrosse take OUA title

MARK D. HOPKINS
Sports Writer

"Three-peat, three-peat, three-peat!" was the sound of 27 Golden Hawks celebrating their third provincial title in as many years on Sunday afternoon at University Stadium.

Referring to this game as a thriller would not do justice to what transpired on the field between Laurier's Hawks and Queen's Golden Gaels in the OUA women's lacrosse gold medal game.

WLU managed to squeak their way to an 8-7 overtime victory to capture the school's fourth Ontario championship since lacrosse was officially named an OUA sport in 1998. The game featured five ties and the Hawks never took the lead until first-year attack Kirsten Gerrie netted the game winner in the extra frame.

The overtime marker came off a

beautiful set play where Gerrie faked a pass to Laurier captain Erica Howard from behind the Gaels' net but then opted to shoot herself, recording her fifth tally of the afternoon.

"[We] have been practicing that," commented an ecstatic Gerrie minutes after the final whistle. "We've been trying to do it and it hasn't been working in practice but it worked in the game, so it's awesome."

It was also Gerrie, the league's scoring leader, who propelled Laurier into the extra frame as she tied the score at sevens with mere minutes left in regulation.

"It feels so good," she explained. "Everybody hates us, and it just felt so good to rub it in their face. We wanted it so much more than they did."

The entire game was not golden for Laurier, though, as they fell behind early in the match.

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Murder suspect extradited

Toronto man found in Connecticut has been charged for 'intentional and deliberate' hit-and-run incident in Waterloo that left two brothers dead outside local nightclub

CATHERINE NANN
News Writer

Paul Jeyarajah Alexander, a 21-year-old man from Toronto, was arrested in Ridgefield, Connecticut and charged with two counts of second degree murder and two counts of attempted murder on Monday, October 24.

Alexander is charged with the deaths of Chandrasegar Nagulasigamany, a University of Waterloo student, and his brother Soumiyan Nagulasigamany in a hit-and-run incident outside of a popular Waterloo nightspot, The Revolution, last month.

According to Inspector Bryan Larkin of the Waterloo Regional Police, this hit-and-run was "intentional and deliberate."

After a disturbance between the two parties at The Revolution, located on Marsland Drive, the incident made its way to Dearborn Place where the brothers were targeted and run down by a vehicle.

Inspector Larkin refers to the tragic incident as a "homicide different than any others because the



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HOMICIDE VICTIMS - The Nagulasigamany brothers.

weapon used in this one was a vehicle, whereas traditionally in society the weapon is expected to be a knife or gun."

When asked if there are currently any other suspects involved with the hit-and-run, Inspector Larkin revealed that the Waterloo Regional Police are currently looking for other suspects. Homicide branch investigators are adamant for anyone with knowledge about the incident to come forward so that "we can bring this matter to a resolution."

Larkin described the tragic events of September 23 as a "tragic and horrific incident."

"What happened at the scene, in our community, obviously sends a sort of a ripple effect," said Larkin. "A great impact is felt on the University culture because one of the victims was, in fact, a student at the University of Waterloo."

On Friday, October 17, Waterloo investigators appeared in Kitchener provincial court and obtained an arrest warrant for Alexander in relation to the hit-and-run incident of the Nagulasigamany brothers, in which Alexander became wanted for two counts of attempted murder and two counts of second-degree murder.

Through meetings with the FBI, two Waterloo investigators were sent to Connecticut to work with the New Haven office of the FBI, where they went before a US Court and received a provisional warrant allowing the FBI to execute a Canadian warrant in the United States.

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The addictive number crunching game has come to The Cord. Complete it first and you could win

tickets to the K/W Symphony

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The Cord honours WLU's contribution to WWII with a special Remembrance Day pullout feature. Also, we sit down with Dan Robert to ask him your questions. For more, visit www.cordweekly.com



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DREAMING OF A FREER MEDIA - Stephen Hachemi, the son of slain Iranian-Canadian journalist Zahra Kazemi, sits by his mother's portrait at a vigil. The Worldwide Press Freedom Index was released October 21, ranking Canada 21st overall. **FULL STORY PAGE 16, EDITORIAL REACTION PAGE 6**

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK
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— Photo Manager Jordan Jovic, on how the WLUSP office smells like the bad breath of his primary school teachers when someone eats food in it

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There's a new cup in town



BUSINESS DIVAS - Francine Chambers and daughter Carinne Pickering, a WLU grad, with their tampon/maxi pad alternative.

Local mother and daughter business team want to change the way women cope with their fertility cycle

ADRIAN MA
News Editor

A local mother-and-daughter business duo is trying to make an impact on women everywhere – one diva at a time.

"I know we're changing women's lives around the world, and that's pretty cool," says Francine Chambers.

Chambers is referring to the product that she and her daughter Carinne Pickering have invested both their lives into marketing: the Diva Cup. They say that it is a more convenient, less expensive, and less wasteful alternative to tampons and other feminine hygiene products.

"We have women running up to us, so excited, like we're celebrities," says Carinne, describing the reaction to the Diva Cup. "I think that's the underlying motivation for us. It's what keeps us going. I know I couldn't be working this hard if I didn't believe in this product."

The business venture developed in 2003 after Carinne graduated from Laurier with a BBA degree.

Their goal was to make a mark on the multi-billion dollar feminine hygiene product industry with the Diva Cup.

Carinne, 27, says that her time at Laurier is one of the reasons why she has been able to withstand the pressures of running her own business.

"I was in the co-op program, so

"Almost everyone I graduated with works for Proctor and Gamble or Unilever. That's what you almost think when you're [at Laurier]. But you can do whatever you want."

— Carinne Pickering, Laurier BBA graduate

that experience aided me so much," says Carinne, who worked at Microsoft for two terms. She also feels that she gained valuable experience from working on exhausting projects and from facing tight deadlines.

Years later, Carinne has utilized her Laurier-honed business skills to establish this small but growing business. She finds this more rewarding than taking a position at a larger corporation.

"A lot of people feel that when you go to Laurier, you're kind of being molded to be working in a big corporation," she says. "It's kind of like almost everyone I graduated with works for Proctor and Gamble, or Unilever, or some big consumer products company. That's what you almost think when you're [at Laurier], but you don't have to do that – you can do whatever you want."

Francine is proud of her daughter's university education. As the child of an immigrant family that "had nothing", Francine never had the same educational opportunities. A vibrant and energetic woman, she developed her busi-

ness acumen by starting her own ventures and learning by trial and error. Now teaming together with Carinne, she complements her daughter's more technical skills with her own charisma and savvy.

"I just knew someday we should work together," smiles Francine.

Their aim is to make Diva Cup a "fun and appealing" product; the girls themselves try to make the business of selling more fun by wearing bright pink jackets to their tradeshow and meetings.

"It's a tough job. Women are very set in their ways, they don't want to talk about their menstrual cycles," says Francine about trying to keep things light-hearted. "We try to take away the taboo of the product."

Carinne agrees that their business can be at times difficult, but that she is happy to be her own boss.

"I guess the disadvantage is that it never really shuts off; with a small business you have all the responsibilities," says Carinne. "But you have a lot of pride. I think, when it's your own company."

Waterloo Police, FBI team up to catch suspect

— from **HOMICIDE**, cover

After obtaining the provisional warrant, the Waterloo investigators, as well as the FBI, attended a residence in the suburb of Ridgefield, a subdivision of New Haven, where Paul Alexander was

arrested without incident. Due to the fact that the arrest occurred on US soil, the FBI on behalf of Waterloo Regional Police executed the arrest.

Larkin stated that it has been "a fairly active investigation," in which he attributes much of the information received to a cooper-

ative community and significant interaction with the Toronto Police Services and other Greater Toronto Area Police Services.

Alexander is currently back in the K/W area awaiting a bail hearing. At a previous hearing that Waterloo Regional Police investigators attended, Larkin revealed

that Paul Alexander had waived his right to an extradition hearing.

Alexander appeared briefly in a Kitchener courtroom last week, and will be back in Kitchener Provisional Court for a bail hearing court on November 21.

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VOCAL CORD

Do you think Laurier should be making TV commercials to promote itself?



"It should be based on reputation. That should stand on itself."

- **Steven Jackman**
Third Year History

"Yes. We're not well known enough as a business program and we're one of the largest in Ontario."

- **Beth Fraser**
Third Year Business



"No. I think Laurier's doing enough without [commercials]."

- **Eric Douglas**
Fourth Year Philosophy

"That's sketchy because it makes us seem desperate to get students."

- **Jeni Metheral**
First Year History & Anthropology



"I don't see how it could do any harm."

- **Anthony Kapsimalis**
First Year Business

"No, because most [promotion] is done through word of mouth already."

- **Leah Schlotter**
First Year Psychology



"We're growing to capacity as it is and it seems unnecessary to spend resources on it."

- **Neil McArthur**
Fourth Year Philosophy

"No. We want to make it look like we're prestigious and hard to get into."

- **Angie Phillips**
Fourth Year Business



"Yes, because it may encourage better pros to come here."

- **Blake Albright**
First Year Political Science

"Commercials seem a little cheesy."

- **Jon Booren**
Fourth Year Business



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WLUFA gets support

Red posters around campus demonstrate solidarity between WLU staff and faculty

ADA SHARPE
News Writer

The Wilfrid Laurier University Staff Association (WLUSA) made a show of solidarity for the Wilfrid Laurier Faculty Association (WLUFA) earlier this week, launching a campus-wide poster campaign late Monday afternoon. Over 400 posters, bearing the slogan "WLUSA - WLUFA: We are family," declare the Staff Association's support of faculty in the ongoing labour dispute between WLUFA and the university's senior administration.

"We're ready to support [faculty] visibly. If [our support for WLUFA] wasn't already known, it should be known now. We're not just talking about it, but doing something about it," said Niru Philip, President of WLUSA.

WLUSA, an organization representing approximately 430 university staff members, has its own experience at the bargaining table. University staff went on strike from mid-September to mid-November 2002, after negotiations for their collective agreement stalled. Throughout the staff strike of 2002, Philip believes WLUFA "set the bar

very high," as faculty gave the Association monetary assistance totalling \$100,000, as well as "emotional and psychological support."

"They gave [staff] an immense support boost. They shared every moment that we went through," Philip recalls.

"We're ready to support [faculty] visibly. If [our support for WLUFA] wasn't already known, it should be known now."

- Niru Philip, President of WLUSA

Experienced members of WLUFA's bargaining team also tendered their skills on behalf of staff during negotiations with the senior administration, while other faculty members walked alongside strikers on the picket lines throughout the fall months.

"They certainly came to our aid. With that example, what should we do now?"

Philip regards this poster campaign as the answer to this question.

"It's what we can give [faculty] now. But this is just the start of our poster campaign. That's how I look at it."

Philip hopes that the red posters, now up all over campus, will make WLUFA's cause more visible to the university community, especially to the student body.

"Students need to be aware where their home is going. We would not be here if the students weren't here. We need them to understand these issues. There's a real symbiosis between faculty, staff and students. When one side hurts, it's going to be felt by all. Start asking questions now before it's too late," he proposes to Laurier students.

As WLUFA's labour talks continue after the recent arrival of a provincial conciliator, Philip maintains that WLUSA "always will be family [to faculty]. The left side always knows what the right side is doing."



Jordan Jocius

LAST STOP - Part-time students are now able to get their money back after WLUSU came to terms with local transit.

Students get refund from GRT

WLUSU and Grand River Transit agree to remove part-time students from bus pass

MICAELA BONTJE
News Writer

Laurier student Lee Tessmer is happy to be getting his money back.

Tessmer, a part-time student at Laurier, says that the Grand River Transit (GRT) bus pass (initiated this year) does not benefit him because he commutes from London, and that he has not used it yet this year.

Fortunately for Tessmer and other part-time students feeling the same way, WLUSU and GRT have come to an agreement whereby part-time students will not be included in the otherwise mandatory bus pass.

Students who are registered for less than 2.0 credits will be credited \$40 for the bus pass, appearing on their transcripts in the winter term. Those who will not be returning for the winter term must complete an online refund request form, found at the Laurier Business Office website, in order to receive the refund.

Fourth-year student J.D. Muir was the campaign coordinator for the GRT bus pass last year and is currently a student representative on the GRT work group for the university bus pass. He stated that "part-time students were originally not going to be part of the bus pass plan but somehow were added in."

"Jen Mitchell, VP University Affairs for WLUSU and Mike McMahon, General Manager for WLUSU and the committee worked very hard to remove part-time students from the plan," he added.

Muir said that a lot of the complaints regarding the bus pass came directly from part-time students who did not have use for it because many of them are commuters. The best solution was to remove students who were not being positively affected by the plan.

Muir added that the committee is currently consulting with GRT in regards to an opt-in plan for part-time students in the future.

Residents of Ontario First Nations reserve airlifted out

Evacuation sheds light inadequate water-treatment facility as well as other desperate living conditions on reserves across the country. 95 other reserves currently under water-boiling advisory.

DAVE WEATHERALL
Canadian University Press

TORONTO (CUP) - The ongoing airlift evacuation of 1,900 Aboriginals from the northern Ontario reserve of Kashechewan has exposed the inadequate water-treatment issue on First Nations reserves in Canada and is shedding light on the dire living conditions in other reserves across the country.

Two days after the beginning of the evacuation of the entire community to Sudbury from their reserve near James Bay because of the high level of E. Coli bacteria in the reserve's water system, just how widespread the water-treatment issue on reserves is exposed for public scrutiny.

The numbers are staggering.

Of the 858 First Nations reserves in Canada, 95 are currently under a Health Canada water-boiling advisory. Of that total, 51 have been under the advisory for over a year, while seven have been under the advisory for over five years.

While the majority of First Nations reserves in Canada under a water-boiling advisory because of high levels of bacteria in their water supply are located in Ontario, Health Canada spokesperson Chris Williams said there are an additional 44 reserves outside the province that are also under the advisory.

Of the 858 First Nations reserves in Canada, 95 are currently under a Health Canada water-boiling advisory. Of that total, 51 have been under the advisory for over a year.

"We can't make the list of communities available until we have the permission from those communities," said Williams.

The total of 95 reserves is up from the 65 reserves under the advisory in 2000, despite a 2003 federal government National Water Strategy that pledged \$600 million to improve water treatment facilities in reserves across Canada.

Ministry of Indian Affairs spokesperson Michael Roy said that while the number of boiling water advisories may be up, the number of reserves considered "high-risk" for their water standards has dropped since the implementation of the federal strategy.

"The number of communities in Ontario that were high risk has dropped from 61 to 51 since 2003," he said.

Roy hesitated when asked why so many of the water-treatment systems on reserves that are considered hazardous are located in Ontario.

"I would venture that there is a higher population of First Nations people in Ontario than anywhere else," he said.

Eva Johnson is familiar with the problems facing aboriginal communities trying to establish effective water treatment facilities. She works for the Kahnawake Environmental Protection Office just outside Montreal and said the federal Indian Act doesn't provide enough money for reserves to meet provincial housing standards.

"We had to purchase a sewage treatment system from Ontario for a new house on the reserve because we couldn't afford the one that meets Quebec government standards for sewage treatment," she said.

Because the sewage treatment doesn't meet Quebec standards, the house's sewage is now collecting in a septic tank and cannot be flushed into the nearby river because it doesn't meet provincial governmental treatment standards.

"We have difficulty understanding that rationale, seeing as the Quebec government okays dumping raw sewage into the St. Lawrence river because it is a fast moving body of water," she said.

Squabbling between provincial and federal governments inevitably distracts from addressing the chronic under-funding of reserves when it comes to environmental and housing issues, said Johnson. The end result is an emergency situation like Kashechewan that inevitably costs more to fix than it would have to prevent.

"The cost of re-locating those people is going to be far more than it would have cost to build an adequate water-treatment system upstream instead of downstream," she said. "They need to stop passing the buck and starting passing the bucks. We need to build sustainable communities in order to prevent outbreaks like the one in Kashechewan from repeating themselves."

The situation in Kashechewan is



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DON'T DRINK THE WATER - Residents of the Kashechewan Aboriginal reserve are evacuated because of an E-Coli virus found in the water system.

hardly unique in Canada. In 2000, 65 Aboriginal communities across Canada were under a boil-water advisory. Additionally, the Walkerton report-prepared after six residents died of E. Coli in the Ontario town-found that 22 water treatment plants on Ontario reserves were "high-risk."

A Health Canada study conducted in 2000 found that only 56.9 percent of homes on First Nations reserves met federal housing condition guidelines.

But water-treatment issues aren't the only housing standard issue facing First Nations communities in Canada.

Wade Healy is an English student at the University of Calgary and hails from a reserve about 100 km east of the city where he now studies. He knows first-hand what the living conditions on First Nations reserves are like.

"My sister still lives on the reserve and she has mould all over her ceiling," he said, during a telephone interview. "She's notified the Community Health Services several times, but so far no one's come to look at it."

Healy is also concerned about conditions in more outlying

reserves.

"The reserve I'm from is relatively close to an urban centre, so it's usually not too hard to get proper attention from the authorities, but the farther north you go, the easier it is to ignore the problems, because they're more isolated" he said.

A Health Canada study conducted in 2000 found that only 56.9 per cent of homes on First Nations reserves met federal housing condition guidelines. Johnson said a lack of adequate funding

means housing planning suffers. Health Canada identifies mould as a factor in respiratory illness and an irritant for people who suffer from allergies.

"Anywhere you don't have proper drainage, mould can develop," said Johnson.

She said a comprehensive, national, review of the living and environmental conditions in all First Nations reserves is needed.

"We need a uniform standard for water-treatment systems for all reserves in Canada," she said. "We don't have that at the moment and look at what's happened."

Laurier student beaten, robbed

DAN POLISCHUK
News Editor

This past Sunday a Laurier student found himself in the midst of a three-on-one mugging, which occurred on Hickory Street.

According to Laurier Security, the robbery, which occurred at approximately 2am, saw three unidentified assailants knock the victim to the ground. While the victim lay in a fetal position, he was beaten with a barrage of kicks and punches. His wallet was removed along with a quantity of cash.

Rod Curran, the Director of Laurier Security, noted that due to a privacy request the victim's name would not be released. He also added that the matter has now fallen into the hands of Waterloo Regional Police.

When reached by *The Cord* though, Inspector Bryan Larkin, with the Police Service, commented that the case is not being considered as a major incident at this point in time.

When questioned why Laurier has been experiencing such a regular dose of crime as of late, Curran could not attribute it to one factor.

"You have to realize that the University of Laurier is within a larger city area of Waterloo and in the outskirts, you're going to have drug problems... and criminal activity. It's all over the place," said Curran.

"There's no real rhyme or reason why three guys would jump somebody," he added.



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Giving tuition the 40 yard boot

Students get a chance to win a year's worth of tuition in halftime contest at football game; comes on the heels of recent million dollar kick

DAN POLISCHUK
News Editor

Thanks to the efforts of Laurier Athletics, the cheering may never stop during the upcoming football playoff game this Saturday afternoon.

Already highlighted by the fact that the third-ranked Hawks will be facing rivals McMaster, the game will feature a halftime event that will give Laurier students a chance to win a cash prize equal to

a years worth of tuition.

To win, the participant must kick a field goal from 40 yards out. Roly Webster, Coordinator of Facilities, Events, and Sponsorship, explained the idea came in the wake of 25 year old Brian Diesbourg's 50 yard field-goal that won him a million dollars at a recent Toronto Argonauts game. Webster believes this will be "an incentive for our students to come out."

"This is based on one kick.

There'll be no warm up, consolation from the 10, the 20, the 30, like they did with the Argo's," he added.

Only WLU students will be eligible for the festivities. They will have had to fill out a ballot at the Mosaik Mastercard tent, upon entering the stadium, to have their name put into a draw.

Splitting the uprights will see the winner receive approximately \$5,000 in cash, as well as 1,600 Air Miles that, according to Webster,

would be good for "a long-haul flight."

Working with Mosaik Mastercard has provided an opportunity for the Alumni Association to promote their new affiliation with the credit card company as well, which made it seem even more "like a good fit" to Webster.

With all partners working together, the project was put together in a matter of a day, and will be aimed at appealing to all

attending the game Saturday.

"We wanted a way to show [the fans] some extra value of why they should support the Hawks in the playoffs," said Webster.

When asked if the field goal attempt is not successful and the Hawks advance to the Yates Cup (which would be held at University Stadium) would the event be carried over, Webster simply replied, "Rumour has it ... let me say it that way."

Laurier to project image on the air during football games

Five-year-old commercial spots updated, look to highlight the 'experience' at Laurier

DAN POLISCHUK
News Editor

Just in time for the final stretch of the 2005-2006 recruiting season, Wilfrid Laurier University will have a fresh image when it looks to continue its self-promotion towards prospective students.

The school just ended filming two 30-second commercials and, after some editing, will have the advertisements at their disposal in about two weeks.

Arthur Stephen, Vice President of University Advancement, commented that while it may cost \$7,000 to produce one commercial, "it is just one part of 15 aspects of what people get to know about a university."

"It just makes sense to have [the commercials]," he added.

The spots were shot from various locales on campus, including live classroom sessions. Stephen believes that there should not be any concern of a commercial

being made that may lessen the image of the school.

"It's my job to make sure that doesn't happen," said Arthur, adding, "I want the consistent message to be that [Laurier] is a

Once the new clips are acquired, they will be airing for the most part during university sporting events televised on The Score or TSN - stations with a large number of nation-wide viewers.

When the time comes again, in about 3 to 4 years, to make another new advertisement, Stephen already will have plenty of ideas to promote the Laurier brand. These include creating commercials representing the five main parts of WLU: the School of Business, the Music Department, the Faculty of Arts, the Science Department, and Laurier Brantford.

"I think that would be an interesting approach - get a little more variety," he said.

"I want the consistent message to be that [Laurier] is a pretty selective school - that students who get in here have pretty good marks."

- Arthur Stephen, VP, University Advancement

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WLU President Bob Rosehart echoed Stephen's thoughts.

"We're not about wholesale advertising," he commented.



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Canada fails on World Press Freedom Index

Twenty. That's the number of countries in the world with more press freedom than Canada, according to Reporters Without Borders' annual *World Press Freedom Index*, released last Friday.

Canada is a country that prides itself on its progressiveness and attention to its citizens' human rights. But after coming in at number 21, it might be time to concede that we're not as free and open as we thought we were.

The main reason for Canada's low placement is our poor track record in regards to the privacy of sources. Ever since *Ottawa Citizen* reporter Juliet O'Neill's home was raided by the RCMP looking for evidence to reveal a source in the Maher Arar case, journalists in this country have been crying foul over a number of mounting issues impeding press freedoms.

Citizen Editor-in-Chief Scott Anderson even called it "a black, black day for freedom in this country," and Reporters Without Borders agreed.

Apparently, we're moving further away from European-style journalism, where reporters have more freedom, to American-style journalism, which leaves reporters with the threat of arrest looming over their heads.

Another problem in Canada's press freedoms is ownership. Due to the CRTC's irresponsibly lax media ownership concentration laws, 74 percent of Canada's daily newspapers are owned by the three biggest conglomerates.

Ryerson School of Journalism Chair Vince Carlin once commented to the *Washington Post* that "you can fit everyone who controls significant Canadian media into my office."

The result is a more homogenous media and the censorship of voices that need to be heard.

An excellent example is CanWest, which owns the *National Post* and Global TV, as well as a major daily newspaper in every significant Canadian city. Its owners, the infamous Asper family, are notorious for insisting that the opinions in their newspapers align with their personal beliefs (see: the Israel/Palestine debate, the CBC, etc.). They used to hand down national editorials to publish throughout their media umbrella until the resignations and outcry became too much.

Though it may seem like we're navel-gazing here, the health of our nation's media is correlated to that of our democracy. Even at WLU, these issues have a nasty habit of coming up.

Look no further than this very paper. When WLUSU pulled their advertising from *The Cord* earlier this year, it wasn't because of Weinberg-gate, as was widely believed. Rather, it was because "the editorial content that comes out of *The Cord* are [sic] inconsistent with the messages that we look to send through our communication pieces via our press releases, via our *Cord* ads," according to WLUSU president Dan Robert.

WLUSU couldn't buy the type of glowing editorial coverage they wanted, and they were within their rights to pull their ads if they thought they didn't need the paper to promote its events. But unlike major newspapers, *The Cord* has guaranteed subscription revenues via student fees, whereas most media are more at the whim of sometimes unscrupulous advertisers.

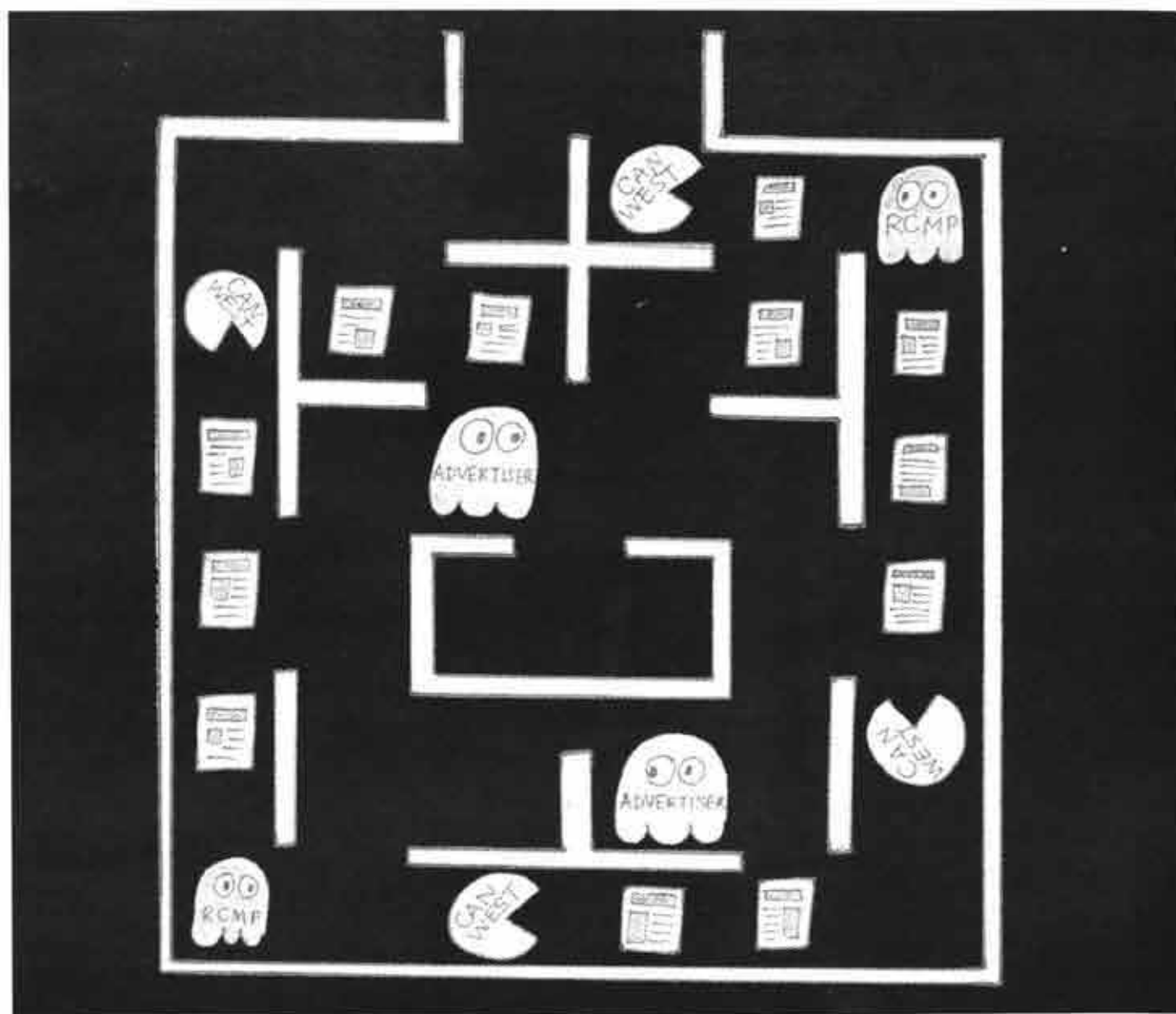
This kind of thing happens more often than you would think, and some newspapers aren't as willing to lose advertising for the chance to include stories in their pages that conflict with advertisers and stockholders.

With the battle between advertising and editorializing being waged at newspapers whose content is sometimes controlled by large corporations, and the restrictions on reporters thanks to strict libel laws and pressure to reveal sources (which can make people reluctant to give information to reporters in the first place), it's fairly easy to see why we're so far from the top of the list.

Canadian media ownership and privacy laws must be changed by the CRTC, and fast, before CanWest, Quebecor, Bell Globemedia, Rogers and Shaw devour the rest of our ragged mediascape.

Canadian journalists need the assurance that they can write what they want without tailoring it to an overarching editorial policy or fearing that they could be arrested. We need to make sure that what we are actually matches what we say we are — a country where press freedom, and thus a healthy democracy, are taken for granted.

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Hazing is a disease that infects and spreads

The underlying message in hazing is that being accepted overrides humanity



For those of you who don't know, "Dr. Broom" is a hazing ritual and an annual rite at McGill for football rookies.

Rumour has it, after enduring taunting and humiliating tasks at the hands of team veterans, the rookies are taken into rooms, one by one, where they are forced to remove their clothing, get on their hands and knees (with a chew toy in their mouth) and are anally probed with a broom stick.

With a widely publicized incident like this, it's easy to single out McGill as the perverts and continue to think of hazing as a predominantly American issue. But it happens here all the time.

Other horror stories I've heard involve the junior hockey team, the Windsor Spitfires, whose rookies are subjected to an annual tradition called the "hot box." This has nothing to do with marijuana smoke but rather, one teeny, tiny team bus washroom and all the rookies of the team crammed into it. Naked.

Too many of the hazing rituals I've heard of involve nudity, sexual humiliation, abuse and rookies jerking off together. A close friend of mine actually gave up hockey because the league he was in required rookies to stand in a circle around a cracker and jerk off onto it. The last one to finish has to eat the cracker—not exactly a 'happy ending'.

I don't care what anyone says, hazing is a type of bullying and reflects a sickness in individuals and in society itself. Its under-

tones of sexual abuse are not only disturbing, they also reveal something about group mentality and the culture of team sports: tradition, following orders and being 'accepted' all override humanity.

The roots of hazing can be traced back almost as far as sport itself. In Ancient Greece, 400 years before Christ was nailed to a cross, young boys were taken from their families to prepare to be soldiers. The new recruits were subjected to an ordeal called "diamastagosis", which pretty much tested who could handle the worst ass-kicking.

Fortunately, we no longer nail our criminals to crosses, but somehow the tradition of beating, torturing, humiliating and sexually abusing innocent athletes and soldiers has stood the test of time.

There are undoubtedly those that would be sad to see this long-time tradition be brought to an end. Tradition is something sacred, after all.

But I like to think of this country as putting our basic rights and freedoms ahead of tradition. At least that is the direction we appear to be moving in.

While marriage, perhaps one of the oldest traditions in society, has evolved to incorporate the rights of homosexuals, hazing is still widespread.

Part of the problem is that people don't really know this happens. Veterans enforce it wholeheartedly because they once had to do it themselves, and rookies just put up with it knowing they'll be on the other end of the 'stick' (no pun intended) one day, if they just grit their teeth and bear it.

I've never been hazed or initiated into anything, but I can imagine how tough it would be for a

rookie to stand up for himself.

There'd be a huge sense of internal conflict because, after all, it is something that you chose. After the ordeal, inclusion in the group conveniently provides a form of much-needed support.

Now, I realize initiations are not always so extreme. But don't think the cases in the news are isolated incidences. There are probably dozens of rituals we won't hear about for a long time until another brave soul speaks out.

It would be nice to think that as long as initiations can be kept civil and fun that we could hang onto them.

I once attended a keg party for an all-boys school's football team where some rookies wore as little as a hot-dog bun in a very twisted sort of 'fashion show.' It was hilarious and no harm was done, but even this was borderline perverse and could have easily pushed someone over the edge.

Clearly, as long as hazing is sanctioned and taken lightly, there will be those who continue to abuse it.

To those of you who think there is nothing wrong with hazing, I urge you to read more about it. You might be surprised to find that hazing has taken lives.

Just like many abusers have been abused themselves, many victims of hazing will go on to vent their bottled frustrations on others, not only as veterans but as friends, employers, spouses and parents.

Like any kind of abuse, it infects and it spreads.

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Halloween and human development

As we get older, how we celebrate Halloween mimics our evolving lifestyles



TANYA DOROSLOVAC
Bigmouth Strikes Again

When I was eight, the entire point of Halloween was to fit as much candy as possible into two pillow-cases approximately the same size as my entire body.

My mom would dress me in layers of warm clothes and send me out the door with a costume usually as complicated as a tiara, wand and pink cape.

It was easy: you could just be a princess and no one would think it was lame. Now, if I wanted to be a princess for a day I'd have to be all ironic and post-modern.

It might be cool if I just had a "HELLO, MY NAME IS: PRINCESS" tag or, even better, if I put on white face makeup, some decomposing skin, a droopy eyeball, stylish hat and went as "Princess DIE!!!"

And I didn't count carbs when I was in grade school. No one did. We counted candy bars and scowled at people when they gave out Rockets and lollipops instead of the good stuff. And the houses that gave out the full-sized bars?

Those were the coolest grown-ups ever.

It wasn't until we were twelve or thirteen that the scariest holiday other than Easter really became about the scare. This is probably correlated to the scientific fact that age 12 is the most annoying age in the human life cycle. It is the only time in your life when your social status is determined by how much of *The Shining* you can watch without crying and how much crap you throw at ol' Mr. Peterson's house.

You can shove these impressive statistics in your friends' faces for an entire year; the bragging rights last a lot longer than the candy you're shoving in your own face.

And then, after several years of good clean Halloween egging, something bizarre happens. Trick-or-treating and movie nights become house parties and bar-hopping and the costumes change appropriately – or inappropriately, as the case may be.

Instead of being princesses, your friends dress up as a gang of really slutty princesses. Or slutty cowgirls. Or slutty vampires. Guys don't have it as easy – the really slutty Frankenstein never quite caught on, and anyone who dresses up as a really slutty cowboy

couldn't even buy back his dignity with some really slutty gold nuggets.

Men have to think of something clever or funny to impress, whether it be their rugged finance professor or the undercover terrorist from *Team America*.

But forget Halloween – we might as well be talking about human development in general. First we just want to play in the sandbox and eat chocolate, then we want to impress our friends and finally we want to impress the opposite sex.

The trend for day-to-day wear is as dynamic as our costuming whims. Playground chic becomes clever t-shirt becomes puffy vests, short skirts and an admirable rainbow of polo shirts.

Every day is Halloween! There are brooding, black turtleneck-wearing poets, tanned beach babes and fancy suited financiers walking around Laurier all the time. I mean, look at me! What am I supposed to be, from the eighties? I don't know. But I do know that I'm going to start demanding free Swedish Berries from the C-Spot immediately.

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Jordan Jocius

THE ETERNAL HALLOWEEN QUESTION – "Should I be a sexy bunny, a sexy cowgirl, a sexy French Maid or a sexy army girl?!"

Campus Pictorial



Jordan Jocius

TRADITION

Either this picture tells us that we have the same reverence for VISA as we do for the Hawk – or that maybe it's stupid to put things on the ground if we're not supposed to walk on them.

Letters to the Editor

Widen International Scope

I am writing to complain about the sorry state of the International Section of *The Cord*. Under the editorship of Tony Ferguson, the International section has gone from a forum where student writers could express their views and interpretations of important world events to a small-minded square of petty "Laurier-centred" reporting which primarily deals with the lives of students that have gone or lived abroad. The international section is supposed to deal with international news, not simply "news" that has the word international in it. The students of Laurier are experiencing a disservice in the type of bland and uninspiring reporting that is being carried out in the name of making "International" relevant to Laurier. Real international news is already relevant to Laurier students as they are part of the world and as students they are being trained to be its future leaders. Stories about the social life of international students at Laurier do not qualify as international news. Society is already too closed off from the world and consumed with local issues while ignoring the world at large. This is not to say that local news is not important, but we also need space and time devoted to the world outside of the student ghetto. The International section of *The Cord* should be that outlet to the world as the remainder of the paper deals with issues that directly affect Laurier. I yearn for the day when sharp and quick-witted articles reappear declaring student opinions of global events unabashedly and a return to true international journalism.

Travis Earle

Less 50 Cent, more attention to English

Dear Mr. Brown, despite the humorous allusions your name draws to the film *Reservoir Dogs*, there was an issue in the October 19 edition of *The Cord* that I

found to be of no laughing matter – your gross oversights in editing. In the article titled "How not to be a General Manager", the only thing more laughable than Mr. Joe Turcotte's pessimistic views on the Toronto Raptors' future was the blatant contradictions that were used to prove his point. On the issue of the dealing away of Vince Carter to the Nets, he chides Babcock for "trad[ing] away [the] team's only superstar." I consulted with the establishment of academia known simply as Dictionary.com, which defines superstar as "someone who is dazzlingly skilled." (Not so) ironically enough, the term "star" is defined as "to do an outstanding job; perform excellently," which in my opinion is, for all intents and purposes, the same as the above stated definition. BUT WAIT, Mr. Turcotte, didn't you label Chris Bosh as the team's "only real star" in your article? Why yes, yes you did. But how can Bosh be the Raptors' "only real star" when their "only superstar" was traded away? It seems as if ol' Joe has contradicted himself here. But alas, I place no blame on his shoulders, since there is a man who has been hired to catch these glaring blunders ... and that is you Mr. Brown. Perhaps if you could take some time away from researching "50 Cent lyricz" for your own articles, you could catch these butcherings of the English language before they hit the press.

Rob Hayes

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Hope for the holidays with Buy Nothing Day

Instead of mentally jumping from Halloween to Christmas, take a minute and consider Buy Nothing Day, says **Kathryn Flynn**



KATHRYN FLYNN
Good Girl Revolution

In October, Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving and Halloween and applaud agriculture and the candy industry, with turkey dinner or those eco-terror mini chocolate bars that hardly seem worth the effort.

Many will then go on to celebrate Christmas, along with our ability to consume more food, more presents and an endless array of stuff - batteries not included.

In between these holidays is November and no one likes it all that much. It's pretty bleak and could use a good holiday.

Fortunately, there is hope. On November 25, I will celebrate Buy Nothing Day and extricate myself from the vicious cycle of consumerism! Politically active warriors unite!

Before I get too enthusiastic,

some background information is necessary.

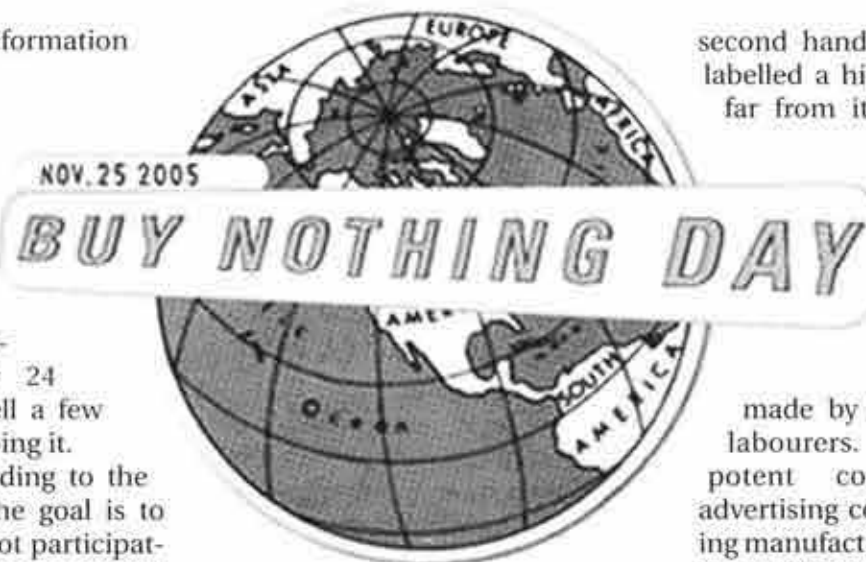
Celebrated worldwide, Buy Nothing Day was started by *Adbusters* magazine founder Kalle Lasn.

The request: purchase nothing for 24 hours and maybe tell a few people why you're doing it.

The reason: According to the *Adbusters* website, the goal is to gain some calm by not participating in "the doomsday economy, the marketing mind-games and the frantic consumer-binge that's become our culture." Scoff as you may, but even if you've never heard of Buy Nothing Day, have you ever given a lot of thought to your purchases?

I chose not to work this year. I don't have the lenience in my wallet and I've had to make sacrifices, but I am a happier woman for it.

I've been freed from the burden of spending time each week shopping. I support local designers in



the area and actually get to see the person who made my clothes.

I'm no longer swipe card happy, and I'm reducing my ecological footprint as well as saving a heck of a lot of money.

I tend to go through consumer awareness phases. The more I realize I need to sell myself at university and in the working world, the more I seem to sell out.

For most of high school I said no to consumerism and purchased

second hand clothing. I've been labelled a hippie before, but I'm far from it because I realized that hippie is just urban slang for "someone that cares more than me."

I visit the dark side and I have outfits made by the fingers of child labourers. Dissonance is a potent communicator with advertising companies and clothing manufacturers, but many voices are louder than one.

Do you think that all Gap employees are as happy as your local cashier? According to responsibleshopper.org, a Cambodian Gap worker was shot to death in 2003 while protesting working conditions. Convince yourself however you may, but that's blood on your crew neck sweater and on my hands, and we're not doing anything about it.

As a consumer you drive the economy. As students we're a target market; we have large expend-

able incomes and we're unaware of how cozy we are in the advertising industry's grip.

I am guilty of not caring enough and I question my inaction. Idealism comes easily to those of a middle class upbringing, but action is key.

I encourage you to think your consumption patterns through. Even if Buy Nothing Day isn't your cup of tea, please consider a few things in your daily life.

Ask yourself if you only buy what you need. Ask yourself where those products came from, who made them and if you would want to work in those conditions. Most of all, ask yourself what you're doing about it and if that's good enough.

Hopefully by the time Buy Nothing Day rolls around, you'll have an answer and some hope.

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Pay attention, kids

And look both ways before you cross the street



MARK CIESLUK
Thus Spake the Wiseman

Were one to objectively observe and reflect upon the student body of WLU, it might become evident that a huge percentage of it seems to have a death wish.

What else could explain our predication for such monumental acts of stupidity as walking directly in the middle of a busy road?

Although that sort of hyperbole might be over the top even for a polemic alarmist such as myself, the situation seems to continue to spiral to new levels of incredibility.

Having just completed a torturous two weeks of driving to school instead of making use of GRT, I can safely assert that many of my peers were either raised in religions that forbade the use of cars or simply do not care about their personal safety - and there can't be that many Amish nihilists floating around out there.

At which age were you supposed to learn these basic life lessons? At what point did you decide that you were too important and intelligent to keep them in mind?

I can't say for certain, but I'll bet that two tonnes of steel slamming into your hip because you didn't wait for the light to cross over to St. Michael's is going to be the kind of reminder that doesn't go away. I can say for certain that once you're in a wheelchair, your casual jay-walking days are more or less gone for good.

The student drivers seem little better; whether screaming through the Willison lot or careening around corners, many seem oblivious to their basic obligations as the operator of a sincerely dangerous machine.

Of course, this isn't to say I never cross against a light or cut through

a parking lot.

We have a small campus and at times the most efficient way to get around is to cut through or across road surface. But it seems endemic of a larger symptom of immaturity and sense of entitlement to think that mom and dad's precious little son or daughter can treat their time at Laurier as a vacation from all reality.

Not watching where you're going is only one sign of behaviour we see so often that it goes as accepted, despite the fact that it is wholly unacceptable. Smoking right beside the doors directly in front of a big "No Smoking" sign, cutting in lines, stealing people's seats, talking in the Solarium, receiving (in those rare cases, actually answering!) cell phone calls in class, lifting a newspaper without asking the person sitting beside it who happens to be reading part of it at the time...

It reads like a laundry list of inconveniences spouting forth from a curmudgeonly old man with nothing but time and a bad temper, but really, it should all be second nature by this point. As undergraduates, we are no longer carefree youths without responsibility or influence; we are the adults. As academics, the world will eventually be ours to run the way we choose to run it. A frightening thought, admittedly.

I don't know about the rest of you, but the world I want to live in as an adult includes people who act like adults, not spoiled children. Maybe it's time to start shaming the slow learners into catching up.

So smarten the hell up, pay more attention, and watch out for my speeding Buick when you choose to walk into traffic. Just play along and nobody has to get hurt.

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Police presence is essential

Toronto police need to get back on the streets to prevent even more shootings



CARLY BEATH
Opinion Editor

Ever since Toronto's spate of shootings began this summer, the question everyone has been asking is "Why?"

Why so much violence? Why isn't it stopping?

People appear baffled, but even a cursory glance at the surrounding circumstances offers a lot of insight.

On Monday night there was a gang shootout in Regent Park, at the same apartment a shooting took place earlier this year.

The very short (are we becoming desensitized to this kind of occurrence?) *Toronto Star* news article on it stated, "Five arrests were made, but four [of the arrested] were later released. A fifth man was charged with an unrelated drug offence."

This tells me that between 20 and 25 shots were fired, one hitting an apartment containing four children, and not one person was charged for it.

A man was shot in the face and killed at his Scarborough home Tuesday morning, which brought Toronto's gun murder tally for 2005 to 45; the entire murder total is 65.

65 murders and 31 arrests made. More than half of the cases haven't had arrests made in connection. Factor in that some of the 31 arrests could be in relation to the same incident and the numbers look even worse. Factor in that 31 arrests doesn't mean 31 convictions ... I think you see where I'm going with this.

People who have it in them to kill another human being don't have a sense of morality to dissuade them.

The only thing that might give them pause is the legal consequences. They might not be concerned about destroying someone else's life, but they might think twice about spending the rest of their life in jail.

If people aren't getting arrested and so many murders aren't being solved, then even that deterrent isn't there.

But if the necessary "after" action is missing, so is the "before."

Toronto's police aren't actually allowed to strike, since they're rightly considered an essential service. But what they can do, and are doing, is working to rule.

Officers are parking their cars between calls. They're waiting until bad things happen, and then they're responding, rather than looking to pre-empt trouble before it happens. They're not patrolling at all between calls.

Whether or not the police are getting a crap deal in terms of wages and benefits (which is what they're fighting for) is neither here nor there. This decrease in vigilance is coming at a time when the police are needed more than ever.

Yes, they have a right to argue against what they perceive to be unfair conditions. But they need to get creative and think of another way to do it. What they're doing right now is essentially holding people's safety hostage and using lives as bargaining chips.

Some might argue that these aren't the real causes, that these are just surface contributors and that we need to attack the root causes like poverty and racism before things start to change. And I would agree. But these things are complex and will take a long time. So at the very least, we need to make the most of the things that we can get a handle on right away.

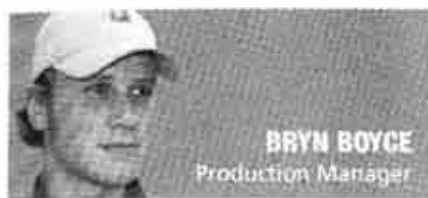
This means that people who have information need to give it to the police so they can solve more cases and create cautionary tales.

But most of all, Toronto's police need to realize that they can't scale back their services when they're needed most. They need to get back on the streets and put the safety of Toronto's citizens before themselves.

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Political correctness masks ignorance

The ever-changing language of being PC still doesn't account for shades of grey, says **Production Manager Bryn Boyce**



BRYN BOYCE
Production Manager

People are ridiculously uptight.

How many times can you remember feeling the blood rush to your cheeks while trying to find just one word that is, at the moment, still politically correct?

How many times have you snickered watching someone else go through it? The speed at which 'politically correct' euphemisms come in and out of favour in spoken English is astounding.

Being 'politically correct' is becoming a completely token gesture – a social mask to hide how you really feel and shield you from criticism. Now it's an attempt to glaze sensitivity over top of ignorance in hopes that it will actually change your attitudes.

Is it better for someone to say "All chinks are horrible drivers," or "All Chinese-Canadians are poor motorists"? The message doesn't change a bit and even the cleanest of language doesn't solve the real problem – ignorant generalizations.

But the issue goes beyond racism. 'Handicapped' and 'retarded' have been replaced with 'persons with disabilities' and 'differently-abled.'

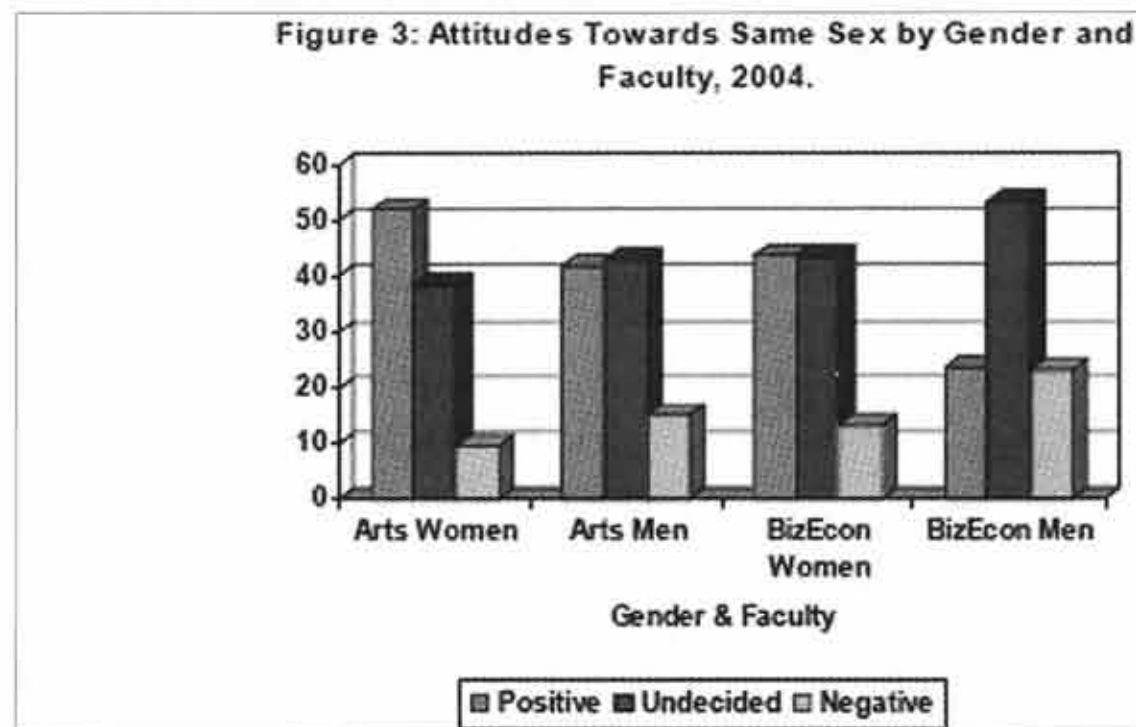
So Wheelchair Barbie became Differently-Abled Barbie ...

Try using the word 'handicapped' in front of your over-zealous Residence Life Don to see if they react with the same fervor as they would if you whispered 'retarded.'

The only way we understand what 'differently-abled' actually means is in relation to words like 'handicapped.' If you didn't know that it's meant to replace the word 'handicapped' you could easily think that it's talking about someone who's better at painting portraits of Jesus than they are at reading meteorological charts. Using the new word doesn't reassure anyone that you're sensitive to the situations of the people you're trying to talk about.

The results of *Attitudes Toward Gays and Lesbians Among Incoming Wilfrid Laurier Students*, show that homophobic attitudes are still alive and well on Waterloo campus. In spite of the extensive politically correct language surrounding homosexuality, it hasn't been enough to sway our opinions.

Many people argue about PC words, often with the goal of either finding a new, acceptable term to replace the old or to take back a term and give it new meaning. 'Queer' is still considered offensive by some in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, intersexed, transgendered and



STAYING TRUE TO ATTITUDES - Despite a plethora of politically correct terms, strong homophobic attitudes exist on Laurier's Waterloo campus. Rather than changing the language, these attitudes must first be addressed.

two-spirited community but it is quickly becoming reappropriated. Same goes for 'nigga.'

Here's where our society's hard-on for political correctness breaks down. When we find the need to generalize and label certain groups, often because it's simpler, we're looking for all-encompassing words. Ones that try and strike at the heart of a given identity and accurately portray the group.

But almost every group is made up of shades of grey, not blacks

and whites. This is what makes it nearly impossible (and often pointless) to use even politically correct words to describe people. If you say the Conservative party are a bunch of Nazis, you're really not being fair at all – in fact you're being ignorant. This ignorance is what needs to be changed.

Being politically correct needs to come back to its roots. It's the old ideas that have to change first, then the old language will follow. Otherwise these ideas linger

under the surface of clean language. If you're being politically correct around people you don't know and unpolitically correct around people you do, then you're changing the way you speak to fit what you think is acceptable and not what's true.

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NO CROWN FOR QUEEN'S - Defender Lisa Fotopoulos (left) fends off a Queen's attack en route to a 8-7 victory and their fourth OUA title in six years.

Hawks win overtime thriller

In their biggest challenge in three years, the Laurier ladies managed to squeak out an overtime win in the OUA gold medal game. A five-goal performance by rookie attack Kirsten Gerrie nearly matched Queen's total offence

- from **LAX**, cover

The Gaels opened the contest with a quick score in the first half to gain the early momentum, but Gerrie promptly knotted the score at one apiece with a firm shot that beat Queen's goalkeeper Alexis Maddaloni. Though Laurier never led in regulation time, they also never fell behind by more than two goals at any point.

Gerrie was joined on the score sheet by second-year attack Jessica Ilott and third-year stand-out Amanda Marshall, who netted two goals of her own. While there were some obvious individual efforts that did not go unnoticed, Coach Lynn Orth was quick to praise the play of her team as a whole.

"I can't say anything except they are the most fabulous team," she said. "We are a second-half team and just keep going with the game plan. Our defence was superb; that made a difference."

"Everybody hates us, and it just felt so good to rub it in their face. We wanted it so much more than they did."

- Kirsten Gerrie, first year attack

Entering the playoffs, Queen's and Laurier both sat atop their respective divisions with identical 9-0-1 records on the season. Their

lone meeting before Sunday was a 7-7 draw in the regular season.

There is certainly a rivalry developing between the two teams, and Howard was quick to acknowledge it. "I think they are going to be out to get us from now on," mentioned Howard after hoisting the championship trophy.

There was also a disparity of coaching approaches on the sidelines for this game. Queen's bench-boss Brendan Sweeney was often animated and very vocal at times, whereas Laurier's Orth prefers a quieter style on the bench, letting

her players plough their way through the game on their own.

"That's always my style," admitted Orth. "They know what is there for them and what isn't ... I don't have to direct them, they direct themselves."

And direct themselves is precisely what the squad did - right toward an Ontario title for the third consecutive season. The title is the first for any WLU team in 2005-2006, and Orth guffaws when she's asked about the possibility of four in a row next year. "Don't even talk about that," she pleaded. Until lacrosse becomes a CIS-wide sport, the Hawks will have to be content with their complete OUA dominance.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Women's Hockey

Lady Hawks still undefeated

The top-ranked Hawks continued their winning ways on Saturday with a 3-2 overtime defeat of the perennially strong Toronto Varsity Blues. Samantha Cully notched the OT winner, while Denise Harrop and Laurissa Kenworthy accounted for the regulation scores as Laurier improved to 5-0.

Men's Hockey

Balanced scoring salvages two points

Second-year forward Nick Vergeer led the offence with a goal and two assists over the weekend, as the Hawks picked up two points in Kingston with a 3-3 tie against RMC and a 3-2 OT loss to Queens.

Women's Volleyball

Strong squad looking pretty average

After a tough loss to the defending OUA Champion Western Mustangs on Wednesday, the Laurier ladies rebounded with a strong performance in a 3-0 sweep of Windsor, returning to the .500 mark at 2-2 after a slow start to the season.

GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

*Week of
Oct 31 - Nov 6, 2005*

10/26/05

M Soccer 3, RMC 0
W Volleyball 2, Western 3
M Volleyball 1, Western 3

10/28/05

M Hockey 3, RMC 3

10/29/05

W Hockey 3, Toronto 2
M Hockey 2, Queen's 3
W Lacrosse 11, Toronto 7
M Soccer 1, Carleton 3
W Volleyball 3, Windsor 0
M Volleyball 0, Windsor 3

10/30/05

W Lacrosse 8, Queen's 7
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UPCOMING HOME GAMES

11/02/05

M Volleyball vs Guelph
7:00 PM, Athletic Complex

11/04/05

M Hockey vs Lakehead
7:30 PM, Waterloo Rec Complex

11/05/05

M Hockey vs Lakehead
7:30 PM, Waterloo Rec Complex

11/05/05

M Football vs McMaster
1:00 PM, University Stadium

11/05/05

W/M Basketball vs Windsor
2:00/4:00 PM, Athletic Complex

11/05/05

W Hockey vs Waterloo
2:00 PM, Waterloo Rec Complex

11/06/05

W Hockey vs Toronto
7:30 PM, Waterloo Rec Complex

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White Sox title largely ignored

Chicago's tremendous run simply doesn't seem to excite like Yanks-BoSox star power and storied history



VIVEK SARMA
Cord Sports

So how about them White Sox? No, seriously. How 'bout them? Not much, because thanks to FOX, you probably didn't bother watching their four-game sweep of the Houston Astros.

The first championship to grace Southside Chi-city in nearly a century came and went, registering barely a blip on the North American sports radar. FOX has proclaimed it the "lowest rated World Series ever."

Excuse me? No Yankees or Red Sox and all of a sudden baseball becomes futile?

THERE ARE 30 TEAMS in Major League Baseball, NOT TWO!

I don't know about the rest of the world, but I am a little sick of New York and Boston, with their respective \$200 million and \$125 million payrolls dictating the fortunes of Major League Baseball.

It's hard enough for Jays' fan to tolerate these two juggernauts buying East Divisional titles, so surely the rest of the league must be growing tired of it as well.

Ignored in all the fuss was a gutsy team with a manager who played ball the way it was meant to be played. Lost was Chicago's first World Series victory in 88 years.

Beantown's magical run to the title last year, their first since 1918, was documented and analyzed ad nauseum. I think I even saw David Ortiz on *Beyond the Glory* once.

But will AJ Pierzynski or Joe Crede get their 15 minutes of fame this off-season? Yeah, I didn't think so.

Lack of star power and ratings aside, this Series was as close and

entertaining as any sweep can be. Four games all separated by two runs or less, a bottom of the ninth walk-off home run and a 14-inning marathon sums it up.

In fact, Chicago's entire championship season was as entertaining as any White Sox run can be. First, there was the emphatic start to the season and runaway lead for the Central division.

Next, the near-fatal collapse, which saw the Cleveland Indians nearly steal the division. Yet the Sox' fanatic manager, Ozzie Guillen, somehow found a way to coax one extra pitch, hit or run out of his troops whenever necessary. On an off night, this guy can barely speak English to Chicago media, yet he now has as many rings as Bobby Cox and Tony LaRussa.

Now there's a storyline! Oh, and as a side note, Guillen in a statement to the media earlier this year, threatened to quit if he brought a title home. We'll just have to wait and see what happens with that.

White Sox's owner Jerry Reinsdorf must be savoring this one (mind you, his six NBA rings with the Bulls would probably help assuage any disappointment otherwise), proving that a \$69 million payroll can win a championship. Yanks' boss George Steinbrenner paid a bunch more for a first-round exit, which goes to show you what reckless spending can buy in baseball these days (see: drugged up Jason Giambi and senior citizen Randy Johnson).

At the end of the day, it's nice to know the big guy doesn't always win, even if most of the sporting world is too foolish to take notice. Congrats to Chicago fans, cheer up FOX and thanks to the Yankees and Red Sox for ruining it all.

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Jordan Jacus

BATED BREATH - Rookie Damir Hadziavdic looks on as he nets the final goal in a 3-0 playoff win over RMC.

Men bow out in OUA soccer quarterfinals

PARRY SOHI
Cord Sports

The Wilfrid Laurier men's soccer team kicked off their playoff run last Wednesday against Royal Military College at University Stadium, the two teams having met just one week prior, resulting in a 0-0 draw. The opening minutes of the game were slow, as nerves seemed to be an issue on both sides of the ball.

Laurier had the stronger half, but was unable to capitalize. Miguel Knox and Damir Hadziavdic had great opportunities, but were unable to finish.

Intercepting a pass from RMC, Hadziavdic found himself on an open field break-away, to no avail; RMC goalkeeper Anthony Carter kept the team in the game the first half. The defence, led by Jason Lyall, was strong throughout the half, limiting RMC's chances.

The Golden Hawks came out strong in the second half and were rewarded five minutes in. Knox was able to turn his defender and rip a shot on net, beating the RMC keeper, which seemed to spark Laurier, as the momentum for the rest of the game remained decisively in their corner.

Ten minutes later, WLU's Chris Di Ubaldo fed Knox an amazing pass, splitting two defenders. Knox made a quick move and was able to net his second goal of the game, putting the Hawks up 2-0.

The game was sealed with fif-

teen minutes left when Knox, after making a great effort to stop the ball from going out of bounds, crossed the ball to Hadziavdic, who capitalized with his first goal of the game. Daniel Toto and Robert Rubino had late scoring opportunities for the Hawks, but were unable to convert, leaving the final score at 3-0.

The defence was rarely tested and was strong overall, holding RMC scoreless and offensively frustrated. Coach Barry MacLean thought, "the team came out a little frantic and nervous in the first half, but played well and had some great finishes in the second."

Three-time MVP Jason Lyall finished his CIS career with a 3-1 loss to Carleton over the weekend

The Hawks took no time off, immediately preparing for their quarterfinal match against Carleton, which took place this past weekend. The situation Laurier faced was eerily familiar. Last year, after taking out RMC in the first round, the Hawks fell to Carleton in the quarterfinals.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to get some revenge against them from last year, but it's going to be a tough battle," noted Knox of the impending rematch.

Looking for retribution, Laurier came out strong in the first half

against the hometown Ravens. They controlled the ball in the midfield and offensively, as much of the half was played in Carleton's zone. Nearing the half, Laurier's Shaun Wigger was able to convert on a superb shot from 25 yards out, putting Laurier up 1-0 at the half.

Alas, the second half saw momentum shift to the Ravens. Carleton's Timothy Khaemba tied the match up in the 71st minute. The Ravens were then able to go up 2-1 just minutes later, as Josh Dewar-Morris broke down the Laurier defence to net his first goal of the game. Finally, Khaemba put

the game out of reach with his second goal of the game, solidifying the score at 3-1 in favour of the Ravens.

Despite the playoff exit, the Hawks can't be too disappointed with their efforts in 2005. The young team exceeded expectations and will be a threat in 2006. Coach MacLean was unavailable for comment at press time.

In his final eligible year, team leader Jason Lyall must be commended for his contribution to the men's soccer program over the last five years. A three-time team MVP and four-time OUA first-team All Star, he was twice named to the CIS All Canadian Team and his presence will be sorely missed.

INTRAMURALSPORTS



Jordan Jacus

IT'S ACTUALLY PRONOUNCED 'FOOTBALL' - First-year Economics student Jackie Wan, of the team Agents 1, barely misses a goal from Peter Ecsy, of the top-ranked International Golden Hawk Soccer (IGHS) squad, during the late night Laurier International Soccer League tournament at Willison Field on Friday, October 28, 2005.

An impressive second straight undefeated season, 17 consecutive wins in OUA play, and a number three national ranking are just a few of the accomplishments the Golden Hawks gridiron warriors have had the last week to revel in. They're well rested. They're healthy. And they're ready to begin their real season as a veteran-laden squad looks to bring home the second Vanier Cup in WLU history, the first in 14 years. With prolific quarterback Ryan Pyear, 1 000-yard rusher Nick Cameron, and a host of other Hawks in their last year of eligibility, the time is now for Laurier football.



Courtesy of Wilfrid Laurier University Archives and Special Collections

REKINDLING PAST GLORY - The 1991 Golden Hawks captured the Vanier Cup by downing Mount Allison 25-12, a feat this year's team looks to duplicate.

Road to the Vanier Cup

OUA SEMI-FINALS → YATES CUP → UTECK BOWL → VANIER CUP

The Hawks host McMaster this weekend, and will need to be better than they were in a weak 33-26 regular season win, as Mac is back in top form with the return of QB Adam Archibald and veteran linebackers Tristan Clovis and Jeff Robertshaw. Coming off a sound 49-19 thrashing of the Windsor Lancers, their confidence runs high. For now.

PREDICTION: LAURIER 34, MCMASTER 24.

"They are going to be a really, really tough team to beat. They had an amazing game against Windsor."

— Running back Nick Cameron

Western gets the publicity, but Ottawa is a tremendous young team anchored by mobile quarterback Josh Sacobie and Laurier fans can expect to welcome them to University Stadium for the Yates Cup Final. Unfortunately for the Gee Gees, their lack of a run game will prove disastrous and the Hawks will take their second straight OUA title.

PREDICTION: LAURIER 28, OTTAWA 14.

"I think our chances are pretty good. I mean, we haven't lost in 17 games, so until someone beats us, we're at the top."

— Defensive back Joel Wright

The OUA victor gets to avoid the nation's top two ranked squads, as number two Saskatchewan and number one Laval will meet in the Mitchell Bowl, barring any major upsets. The East representative could conceivably be St. FX or St. Mary's, but my pick is Acadia. Regardless, the Maritime squads should realistically be playing for the right to lose to the OUA Champ.

PREDICTION: LAURIER 38, ACADIA 10.

"A lot of the teams out East — they're kind of run-oriented, whereas we're not. We love to pass the ball. We kind of mix it up to keep teams on their toes."

— Defensive back Joel Wright

Anyone that doesn't expect to see the Laval Rouge et Or battling for the Holy Grail of CIS football is, quite frankly, a fool. They've won back-to-back national titles, allowed just 75 points over eight games this season, and limited teams to a meager 46 yards per game on the ground. Yeah. They're good. This year's Hawks squad is very strong, and could conceivably dethrone the CIS powerhouse. But strong enough to be the favourites? God no.

PREDICTION: LAVAL 17, LAURIER 10.

"They played against the number four team in the country [Montreal] and just killed them.... They look like men playing against boys."

— Defensive back Joel Wright

SOUNDING OFF

"The only thing I'll ever predict is that we will compete like heck and make everybody proud regardless of the outcome."

— Head Coach Gary Jeffries

"We have a lot of fifth-year guys on this team and that thought's in the back of our minds.... People know it, so we just have to try to block it out and still take it one game at a time."

— Wide receiver Andy Baechler

"If each of us get our assignments on each play, it's not going to matter how good the defences are because we're still going to get the yards we need to get first down after first down."

— Running back Nick Cameron

"We know we're good and we know there's a lot of expectations on us, but we're just doing the best job we can."

— Quarterback Ryan Pyear

"We're not as big. We don't run the ball quite like they used to, but our team's a lot more athletic, I think."

— Defensive back Joel Wright, comparing this year's team to the 1991 Vanier Cup Champions, the only Laurier team to ever capture Vanier glory.

Current Hawks rival '91 champs



STEFAN PTASZEK
Offensive Coordinator

So far, the 1991 Vanier Cup-winning Golden Hawks are the best team in Laurier football history.

But their reign is very much in jeopardy in 2005, as WLU is poised to make a legitimate run at national glory.

Back-to-back undefeated seasons and 17 straight OUA wins is something that even the 1991 crew couldn't manage; they finished the regular season at 5-2. For that feat alone, names like Pyear, Logan and Jeffries will be honoured in years to come as some of the best to ever compete for the purple and gold.

All the pieces of the Cup puzzle appear to be in place. Should the 2005 Hawks go on a four-game win streak, they will lay claim to a national championship and likely replace the '91 crew as the best team to ever compete at Laurier.

Fourteen years ago, the saying "defence wins championships" rang true for the '91 squad, and it

still applies today. Back then, the Hawks had the best defence in the country, led by legendary middle linebacker Fred Grossman and CFL great Greg Knox at safety.

But the '05 defensive unit is every bit as talented. Linebacker Jesse Alexander and cornerback Ian Logan will have to play similar roles if the Hawks are to go deep into the playoffs.

Offensively, the '91 Hawks got big games from their playmakers. Fifth-year running back Andy Ceccini's best four games of his career were his final four. If this year's Hawks get similar performances from their departing veterans (Ryan Pyear, Bryon Hickey, Andrew Agro, Mitch Zappitelli, and Mike Maurice), they will indeed be difficult to stop.

But this is easier said than done. The road to the Vanier Cup is rarely smooth or predictable, as the '91 team learned. The Hawks jumped out to a 3-0 start and were ranked nationally going into a week four match up with the top-ranked Western Mustangs. The 'Stangs had an extremely talented team that included Tim Tindale and Tyrone Williams, both of whom went on to have successful

NFL careers.

The Hawks kicked the Mustangs' butts for three quarters of play and entered the fourth with a 30-13 lead, only to collapse completely. Final score: 56-37 Western. But the result of this monumental collapse was not despair, finger pointing or self-doubt.

The Hawks learned that they could compete with anyone in the country and that they were contenders for the Vanier Cup. This knowledge and belief in each other would be instrumental in the playoff run that was to follow.

The '91 playoffs were a circus of emotion, last minute heroics, second-half comebacks, and unbelievable defensive play. The Yates Cup in London saw quarterback Bill Kubas engineer a fourth-quarter drive that ended with him diving over the goal line despite suffering a partially separated shoulder earlier in the game.

The national semi-finals saw

the Hawks struggle to a 22-3 half-time deficit only to explode to a 42-22 come-from-behind victory over Queen's.

The Hawks' defensive unit dominated the Cup game. They completely shut down Mount Allison's run game, with Kubas and fifth-year running back Andy Ceccini putting together enough offence to lift the Hawks to a 25-12 victory and their first and only national championship.

14 years later the names have changed, but the feelings are eerily similar.

The 2004 Hawks had a reality check last year at Laval. As a team, we had the opportunity to measure ourselves against the best program in the country. The result on the field was a disappointing 30-11 loss to the eventual national champions.

But the off-field results have been much more positive. 11 months ago, our players, coaches

and support staff committed to closing the gap between our program and the national competition. As a result, everything from recruiting to weight lifting has been reevaluated with a national championship as the ultimate goal.

We eagerly await the start of the 2005 playoffs. Regardless of the opponent, we will enter each game with complete trust in our teammates, coaches and game plan.

We fear no situation, no player and no team. Trust, discipline and heart took the '91 Hawks a long way, and we intend to ride them as far as we can go in 2005.

Stefan Ptaszek is the Hawks' Offensive Coordinator and was a wide receiver on the Vanier Cup Champion 1991 Golden Hawks

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BLAIR FORSYTH-STARK
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It's 4am on a lonely Sunday night as you stare at the blank screen of your computer.

You're hoping for divine inspiration that will help you finish, or even start, that nagging essay that's due tomorrow morning.

It's a situation that nearly all students face, and while most get it together and pull ridiculous all-nighters to finish their work, some resort to plagiarizing, stealing, rehashing or buying a paper.

While divine essay intervention is rare, the ability to purchase essays online is becoming increasingly easy and requires little more than Internet access and a credit card.

Faced with looming deadlines and multiple assignments, some students find themselves in difficult situations and contemplate purchasing an essay online so that they have something, anything, to hand in the next day.

While some may see online essays as an easy remedy to a semester of truancy and falling behind in readings, the university's punishments for plagiarizers are strict and far worse than receiving a late penalty or even a zero.

THE EXPERIMENT

In an attempt to see if term papers for sale on the Internet are comparable to legitimate ones, *The Cord* purchased one online and submitted it to a panel of professors from different disciplines

to see if they could pick out the imposter.

Dr. Penelope Ironstone-Catterall (Cultural Studies, Fine Arts), Dr. Edwin Jewinski (English) and Mark Coté (Communication Studies) were presented with three essays on instant messaging. Two of the essays were written by Laurier students for third-year communication studies classes, while the other was purchased through www.123HelpMe.com for \$15.69.

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The professors were asked to read the essays and employ any methods they regularly use to catch plagiarizers to determine which essay was purchased.

THE RESULTS

It turns out that two out of the three professors were able to successfully identify the plagiarized piece.

The third professor searched for one of the legitimate essays online and found it on the author's personal website, thereby assuming it was the stolen essay. It's important to note that the professors were

looking for only one plagiarized piece, and could assume upon finding one that appeared to be plagiarized that the others were credible.

Ironstone-Catterall took a quick look at the papers and quickly discerned which one was plagiarized, at "a very cursory glance. Looking at the examples, looking at the first page and the simple first quote [...] indicates something quite clearly to me. Looking at it for two minutes was all it took."

As Coté noted, "A student's writing ability can be seen from a midterm," so when "out of nowhere, you've got an incredibly polished paper that's grammatically very sound," it's bound to raise suspicion.

All of the professors agreed that the easiest way to recognize plagiarized essays is that they rarely deal with material specific to the course. "It has to be something in the course that relates to the material of our course," explained Jewinski.

"The ones that I've caught are usually papers that are really, clearly, not at all associated with the class. Well, the paper doesn't fit and so very often I don't have to even bother building a case against the student, because on that ground alone, it will not be assessed for the class. It's a zero because it doesn't fit the assignment," explained Dr. Ironstone-Catterall.

As Coté notes, papers that can be bought online are "general enough that they can be useful" but rarely provide the detail and variety of sources required for most senior academic papers.

The purchased essay in question was approximately 1800 words and written by an OAC student who cited only from one textbook and CNN.com.

According to Ironstone-Catterall, the textbook can be found online which was another indication to her that the essay was plagiarized.

"No one uses this as a textbook in any of our classes so it makes it less and less likely that someone from our classes would have located this at all," she said.

After consulting several websites, the essay purchased was the best found, which says something about the overall quality of papers available.

"Quite frankly, if somebody has the critical attention that would accept [the plagiarized essay] as a purchased essay and then turn it in, I can imagine what the final exam would look like and the exam will correct my possible oversight. I'm a great believer in final exams for that purpose," commented Jewinski.

"The language of [the essay] is crap; it's a D+ paper," said Ironstone-Catterall.

Aside from the poor mark you'd likely receive on one of the purchased essays, the academic penalties are nothing trivial.

THE CONSEQUENCES

Under WLU's Student Code of Conduct, academic misconduct identifies six all-encompassing forms of plagiarizing and cheating, including submitting the work of someone else as your own or handing in the same work, or part of it, for more than one class.

Plagiarism cases are first brought to the chair of the given department and then to the dean of that faculty. In some cases, the VP: Academic may even be involved. According to Dr. Sue Horton, VP:Academic, the school "takes [plagiarism] very seriously. These are very serious offences and at the university level, I would want all departments to pursue this." Horton also indicated that in some extreme cases the "maximum penalty would be expulsion



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A panel of professors evaluate three essays to see if they can successfully identify the paper that was purchased online. Their deductions and the repercussions of plagiarizing essays are important as deadlines approach and some students contemplate taking the easy way out

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Some essay sites offer to write customized papers that require about 4 days notice and average about \$10 a page, but as Ironstone-Caterall points out "the made-to-order papers [...] have not achieved the standard that is expected [of students]." Also, most

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- Mark Coté, Sessional Lecturer at WLU

students who resort to cheating usually leave the paper until the last minute, and probably wouldn't have the time to order a custom paper.

The professors were also in accordance that they would rather a student come to them for help

rather than resort to cheating.

"Students who do foolish things and go to plagiarism are so terrified and they've got to remember that professors are human, professors will care; talk to them openly and honestly and most of the time something can be worked out," assured Jewinski.

Coté and Ironstone-Caterall were both quick to note that if a student did plagiarize, they'd have "no compunction in throwing the book at them," said Coté.

"I guarantee that in each and every case where there has been a problem, if I catch it, I will take them up on charges each and every time because the person they are doing a disservice to is themselves," explained Ironstone-Caterall, who also explained that some departments, like Communication Studies, now

require all professors to fully pursue plagiarism cases.

However, catching students who plagiarize is not something that appeals to any of the professors.

"I'm not a professor so that I can be a cop," stated Coté. "When we have to rely on a private company like turnitin.com, it saddens me."

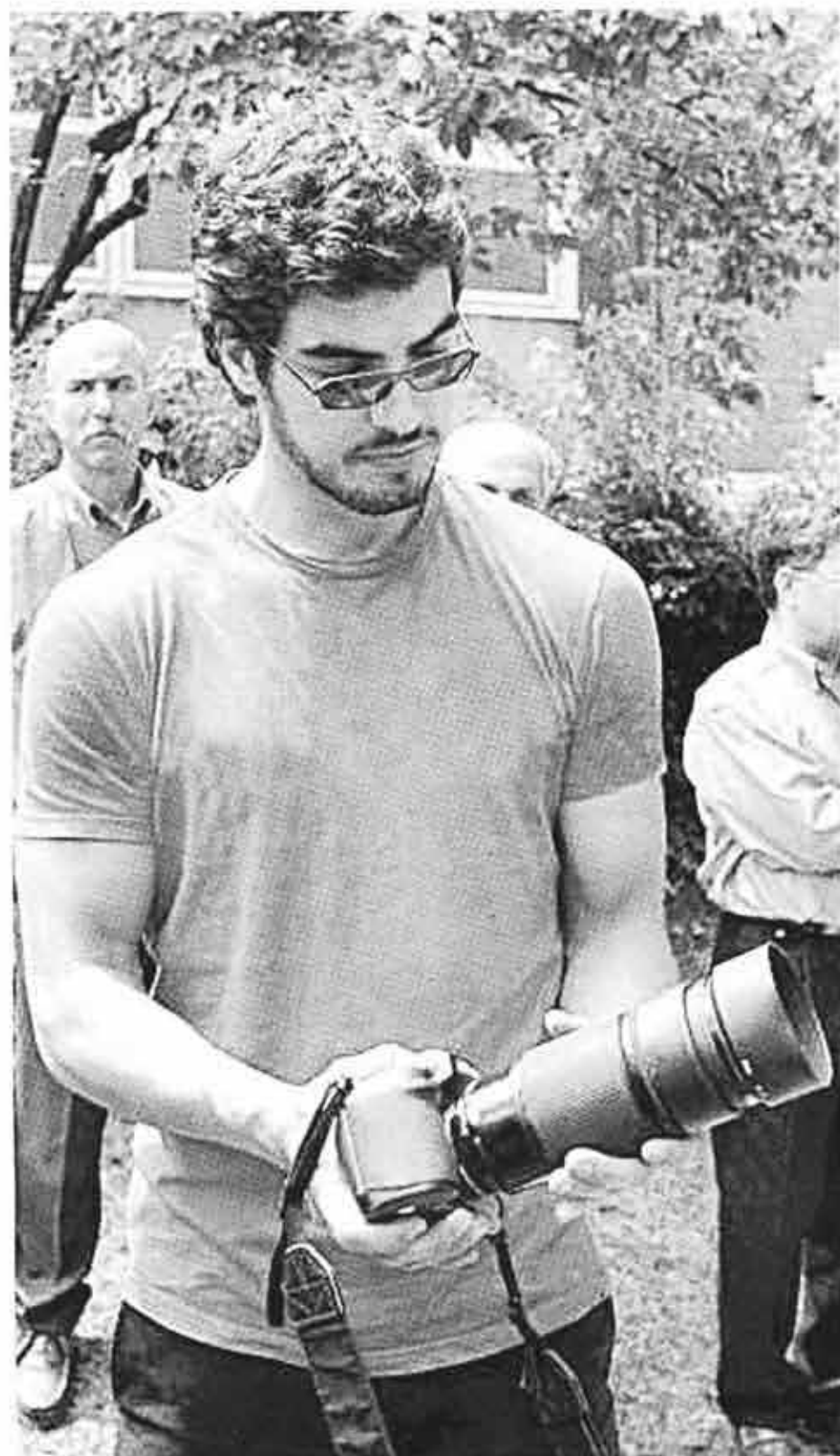
Coté and Ironstone-Caterall also feel that plagiarizers take away from the university's reputation. "It degrades the general environment of the university," said Coté, while Ironstone-Caterall

explained that "every student who purchases something from a paper mill, or who plagiarizes or who otherwise cheats, is devaluing the degree of everybody else who's at this institution."



North Korean journalists least free

The Democratic People's Republic of North Korea finished a dismal 167th in the Worldwide Press Freedom Index; Canada came in 21st



Contributed Photo

NO STORY WORTH THIS - Stephen Hachemi, son of Zahra Kazemi, an Iranian-born Canadian journalist, holds the camera that belonged to his mother. Kazemi was murdered by authorities while covering a story in Iran.

ARLA LATTO-HALL
Copy Editing Manager

In the 2005 *Worldwide Press Freedom Index* recently released by international media watchdog, Reporters Without Borders, The Democratic People's Republic of (North) Korea finished an unsurprising dead last.

According to the report, the nation's secret police are continuing to send dissident journalists to concentration camps under the direction of Dictator Kim Jong-Il.

On a positive note, the report tied eight northwestern European countries, including Denmark, Finland and Iceland as most free. The top ten countries are all European, consistent with last year's results.

Other trends in the Index include a slide among Western democracies, a rise in African and Latin American press freedom and continued trouble in both Asia and Iraq.

North Korea ranked 167th, qualifying it as the least free country for the press. It also ranked last in the 2004 report. Eritrea (166) and Turkmenistan (165) rounded out the bottom three.

Those at the bottom were described as "black holes", where privately owned media and freedom of the press and expression do not exist. In these countries, journalists are propaganda agents of the government with little to no editorial independence.

The report also contradicts some commonly held beliefs about how long it takes a free press to develop. Although authoritarian leaders claim democracy takes time to establish, the Index shows that of the states who have regained independence within the last 15 years, nine rank among the

top 60 countries. Slovenia ranked 9th, Estonia 11th and Lithuania tied with Canada at 21st.

Although the highest rankings are composed of rich countries, several poor ones are also among the top 60, refuting the claim that economic development is necessary for democracy. These regions include Benin (25), Mali (37) and Bolivia (45).

Privately owned media outlets and freedom of expression were non-existent in the countries at the bottom of the ranks, described as "black holes"

Although South Korea ranks first in the Asian continent at 34th, the region is still most difficult for journalists. Nepal's king has implemented censorship and arrested more than 150 journalists within the first ten days of September 2004. Although China has begun to privatize some of its media, dozens of sensitive issues are forbidden. Cyber-dissidents have been sought out and imprisoned.

Canada ranked 21st in the report, the highest ranking for a non-European country, after slipping three places from last year due to court decisions weakening source confidentiality, turning some journalists into "court auxiliaries".

Canada got in trouble with the organization after the RCMP raided *Ottawa Citizen* reporter Juliet O'Neill's home. In November of 2003, *The Citizen* ran a front-page story written by O'Neill about the RCMP investigation of Maher Arar,

the Syrian-born Canadian who was deported and tortured under suspicion of engaging in terrorist activity. The Mounties were after O'Neill's source who leaked vital information to her regarding the case.

Canada still ranks above the domestic United States, however, who sits in 44th place. The U.S. has fallen 20 places since the 2004

Index, mostly due to the imprisonment of *New York Times* reporter Judith Miller and new legal restrictions on the ability of journalists to protect their sources.

The report ranked countries based on a questionnaire, addressing issues affecting journalists – murders, imprisonments, physical attacks and threats – and news media – censorship, confiscation of issues, searches and harassment.

Abuses attributed to the state, armed militias, clandestine organizations and pressure groups are also taken into account. The 2005 report covered abuses from September 1, 2004 to September 1, 2005.

Some countries were not included in the list for lack of credible data, and rankings do not reflect the quality of the press.

The organization's aim is to advocate journalists' freedom from imprisonment or murder and to promote privately owned media organizations, both of which are rare in countries under the thumb of despots.

Editorial reaction to this story in OPINION, PAGE 6

Teens beheaded on their way to school

TONY FERGUSON
International Editor

Three Indonesian girls were killed on their way to class on Saturday, beheaded by a group of men carrying machetes. A fourth girl managed to escape but was critically wounded.

The incident, which took place in the Muslim town of Poso, Indonesia, located about 1,600 km from Jakarta, is being blamed by security experts on Muslim radicals.

The bodies remained at the scene while the heads were left in two separate locations and discovered by residents two hours after the incident.

Police were ordered to track down the killers by President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who condemned the violent act.

"I condemn this barbarous killing, whoever the perpetrators are and whatever their motives," he said.

Indonesia is a predominantly Muslim country but the Sulawesi region, where the killings took place, is home to both Christians

and Muslims, who are roughly proportionate to each other in number.

With the memory of a previous flare-up between Christians and Muslims still looming, one which left nearly 2000 people dead between 1998 and 2001, the Jakarta government mobilized 300 paramilitary police.

The heads of the victims were left in two separate locations to be discovered by residents hours after the beheadings, security experts are blaming Muslim radicals

The occurrence of the attacks are believed to be pre-meditated according to Sidney Jones, director of the International Crisis Group, a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing deadly conflicts.

Jones believes that the attacks were a deliberate provocation leading up to the holy Islamic fes-

tival of Idul Fitri tomorrow.

"Everybody understands the significance and timing of this," she says.

Jones also foresees a possible retaliation saying, "If there's anything that would bring some of the Christian villagers out in full militant form it would be retaliation for this kind of attack."

Although government-mediated truces and peace accords, like the 2001 Malino Accords implemented by former President Jusuf Kalla, have helped to subside the worst of the fighting, occasional flare-ups continue in the district.

In May, 21 people were killed after a bomb was detonated in Tentena, a Christian village near Poso.

The girl who escaped the attack is reported to be in stable condition in a police hospital in the provincial capital of Palu.



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A STERN MESSAGE FOR TERRORISTS - A protestor in Jakarta shows how he feels about a terrorist attack that happened last May.



FLARING TEMPER - Bahrainis burn an Israeli flag during a demonstration marking "Jerusalem Day" last Friday.

A world without Israel?

Iran has no moral grounds to attack Israel, writes a sarcastic **Richard Togman**



RICHARD TOGMAN
Cord International

With great fanfare and public enthusiasm Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the President of Iran, heralded the start of the annual "World Without Zionism" celebration which has marked the end of the holy month of Ramadan since 1979.

Hundreds of thousands of supporters flooded the streets of Tehran to take part in the festivities, which included the burning of the American and Israeli flags as well as the usual effigies.

The President capped off the event with a fiery speech proclaiming that Israel "must be wiped off the map" and that Palestinian attacks would destroy the Zionist entity. He continued to describe the intricate geo-political subtleties of the conflict by stating that "the establishment of a Zionist regime was a move by the world oppressor against the Islamic world."

His nuanced examination sparked spontaneous cheers and rampant applause among the Iranian students he was addressing.

He added a specific address to his fellow Muslim leaders and affirmed that "anybody who recognizes Israel will burn in the fire of the Islamic nations' fury" as well as emphasizing that anybody "who recognizes the Zionist regime means he is acknowledging the surrender and defeat of the

Islamic world."

The elected leader of Iran is by no means alone in his anti-Zionist discourse. The late Ayatollah Khomeini was a great fan of the "World Without Zionism" conferences and an emphatic supporter of the destruction of the Zionist entity.

As well, the former President of Iran, Hashemi Rafsanjani, called for a Muslim state to annihilate Israel with a nuclear strike back in 2001. With the same zeal with which Canadians proclaim to be not-American, the Iranians have showered Israel with their opinions on their state and choice of residence.

Not to think that such boasts are unfounded, the Iranian government has been supplying Palestinian "freedom fighter" groups such as the self-titled "Islamic Jihad" with weapons and ammunition.

Moreover, Iran has been instrumental in the establishment and funding of Hezbollah, whose stated goal is the destruction of the Zionist entity (Israel), as well as the establishment of an Islamic caliphate, similar to that pronounced by al-Qaeda.

Iran is also currently progressing in the development of nuclear weapons, which it kept hidden from the UN and the IAEA for over 18 years, however it is obvious that they wish to maintain a nuclear arsenal for peaceful purposes as is their right in the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

Their trade with other progressive regimes such as North Korea in long range missile technology is but a part of the diversification of

their exports.

Thus, I see no reason why we should not welcome the development of a nuclear armed Iran, which obviously is a responsible and trustworthy partner for peace in the Middle East.

In fact, due to Iran's promotion of innovative and original solutions to the mid-east conflict, they should perhaps be nominated to chair the UN Human Rights Commission, which is currently headed by Libya, a known supporter and practitioner of human rights.

Seif Ghaddaffi, son of Libyan dictator Moammar Ghaddafi, when asked about his country's own human rights record was quoted as saying: "Sure, we are not Switzerland or Denmark; we are part of the Third World and part of the Middle East. But we are better than our neighbours."

Thus, with a community of neighbours as tolerant and peace-loving as Iran, Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Egypt it is a wonder why the Israelis must be fitted with gas masks by their first year in kindergarden and seem so jumpy and nervous about the prospect of welcoming another member into oh-so-trendy nuclear club.

Maybe if Israel was so bold as to declare that its neighbours should be wiped off the map and their inhabitants thrown into the sea then they too could be welcomed by the international community with as much tolerance and understanding as Iran has.

The world quietly loses a legend

Modern society knows little of the discrimination that occurred in Rosa Parks' time but it still exists



NATHANIEL TERRACE
Cord International

This past week, the world lost a legend. Last Monday, at home, surrounded by family and close friends, Rosa Parks passed away.

Her long back-room career in the civil rights movement began on a quiet day in 1955, when she refused to give up her seat on a transit bus in Montgomery, Alabama so that a man could sit down. After all, the first people on the bus get the seats, while the folks who come on later have to stand, right?

Rosa Parks showed courage that day, because she knew and felt it was the right thing to do

The freedom of taking whatever seat you want has not always been a common luxury. In fact, for many years in the United States – and even Eastern Canada, for those who think the civil rights crisis was limited to our neighbours to the South – black people were treated as second-class citizens.

If you were black, you couldn't sit in the same train car as white folks, you couldn't eat in the same restaurant, you couldn't even use the same bathroom.

That division of the world's population into "white" and "non-white" was why Rosa Parks' actions on that bus in Alabama a half-century ago caused such a disturbance – she was black, and the man who wanted to sit down was white.

What difference should the colour of a person's skin make, when it comes to how you treat them? None. And yet it did. Rosa Parks was arrested, jailed, and fined for refusing to give up her seat to another, solely on the basis of skin colour.

She showed courage that day by openly defying cultural tradition, not because she wanted to cause trouble, but merely because she felt – she knew – that it was the right thing to do. Her courage not only helped to further spark the

already spreading civil rights movement in the Southern United States, but also helped to give others the audacity and sheer guts to stand up to a system riddled with ill-founded prejudice against a large portion of their society, prejudice based entirely on the colour of their skin.

In our modern age, we know little as a society of the widespread discrimination that was prevalent at that time – but it still exists. While openly praising such famed and yet modest rights activists as Parks, we stand quiet as people are bullied, fight against help for the underprivileged, and protest against wars to free the oppressed. But we still claim, "I don't just stand there if I see someone getting

beaten up. I always make donations to homeless shelters, and when it comes to Iraq, I just don't support America's imperialistic leanings."

What a poor, deluded country we live in.

Am I a homosexual? No – but I recognize the fact that under our own Constitution and Charter of Rights and Freedoms we, as a nation, cannot deny those persons the same rights that we ourselves take for granted. Am I a soldier? No – yet I accept the fact that the actions of the United States in Iraq should, in the longer term, result in better lives for its citizens.

What has our society come to, to so quietly ignore the defamation and criticism of those less privileged? To criticize our government for not helping them, while at the same time frustrating all attempts to lend a hand?

In her later years, Rosa Parks said, "I am leaving this legacy to all of you; to bring peace, justice, equality, love and a fulfillment of what our lives should be. Without vision, the people will perish, and without courage and inspiration, dreams will die – the dream of freedom and peace."

As a nation, and as individuals, we would do well to remember that while her life on this Earth may be over, that of her dream has just begun – and it is up to us, our families and our children to turn that dream into reality.



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AN EMOTIONAL WAIT - Rodney Brown, of the Detroit Fire Department, holds up Rosa Parks' obituary card as he waits for the arrival of her casket.

North American churches forewarned

TONY FERGUSON
International Editor

US and Canadian churches got a stern warning Monday about their liberal stances on gay rights.

Traditionalist Anglican clerics from churches in Africa, Asia and Latin America, a group known as the 'Global South,' warned Canadian and American clergy they were destroying a 450-year-old church tradition.

The Western Anglicans aren't responding to calls for "repentance" which were put forth in some of the strongest language yet.

The 2003 ordination of a gay bishop by the US Episcopal Church and the blessing of same-sex marriages by Canadian Anglicans have divided the 77-million strong church for nearly three years.

Traditionalists are outraged, pointing to the Bible's supposed condemnation of homosexuality and accusing Western liberals of adding unacceptable "innovations" into church doctrine.

"We call for urgent and serious implementation of the recommendations of the Windsor

Report," said the group of 20 church provinces.

The Windsor Report is a document which provides steps to be taken to resolve the dispute, calling for US and Canadian churches to express regret for their actions.

Western Anglicans aren't responding to calls for repentance from churches of the Global South for their liberal views on homosexuality

Windsor task force leader Archbishop Robin Eames believes the report's demands have been met. Conservatives, however, say US and Canadian churches have only said sorry for their actions and haven't admitted any wrongdoing.

"We see no evidence that both ECUSA and the Anglican Church of Canada are willing to accept the generally accepted teaching, nor is there evidence that they are willing to turn back from their innova-

tions," said the conservative clergy.

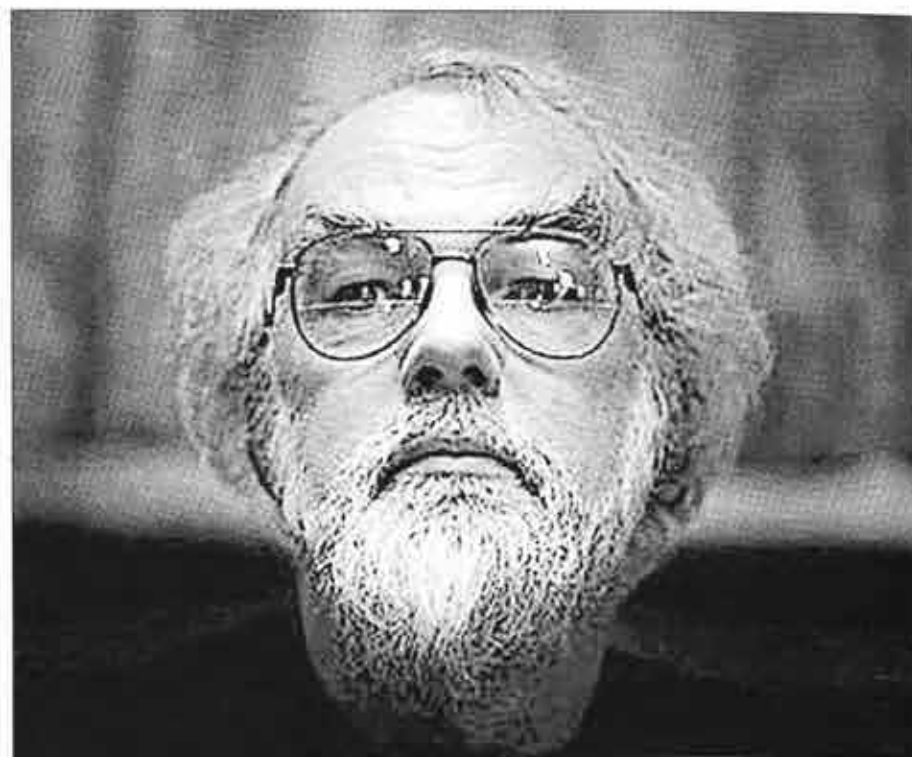
The US church is expected to have a general convention in June, where American priests will set their permanent position on gay clerics and same-sex marriages.

Canada will act accordingly in 2007 and the world's bishops the following year.

The Global South, in an attempt to regain control of church practice, supported the drawing up of an "Anglican Covenant" which would provide "a biblical foundation for our life, ministry and mission as a communion."

If the covenant is ever instituted, it could mean a compromising position for the liberal dioceses of either climbing aboard or being forced aside. This is according to Rev. William Petersen, who is dean of Bexley Hall, an Episcopal Seminary in Rochester, NY.

"The [conservatives] are seeking a more binding type of communion, one that is more doctrinal," he



REUTERS/Paul McErlane

BIG BROTHER IS SEEING - Britain's Archbishop of the Holy See of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, speaks during a news conference last February

said.

Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams urged the two parties to keep talking when he addressed the Global South meeting Friday.

The See of Canterbury, unlike the powerful Vatican in the

Catholic Church, has no power to impose a solution.

The church in Nigeria said in September it had deleted references to Canterbury in its constitution, a move that would open its doors to conservatives opposed to the advancement of gay rights.



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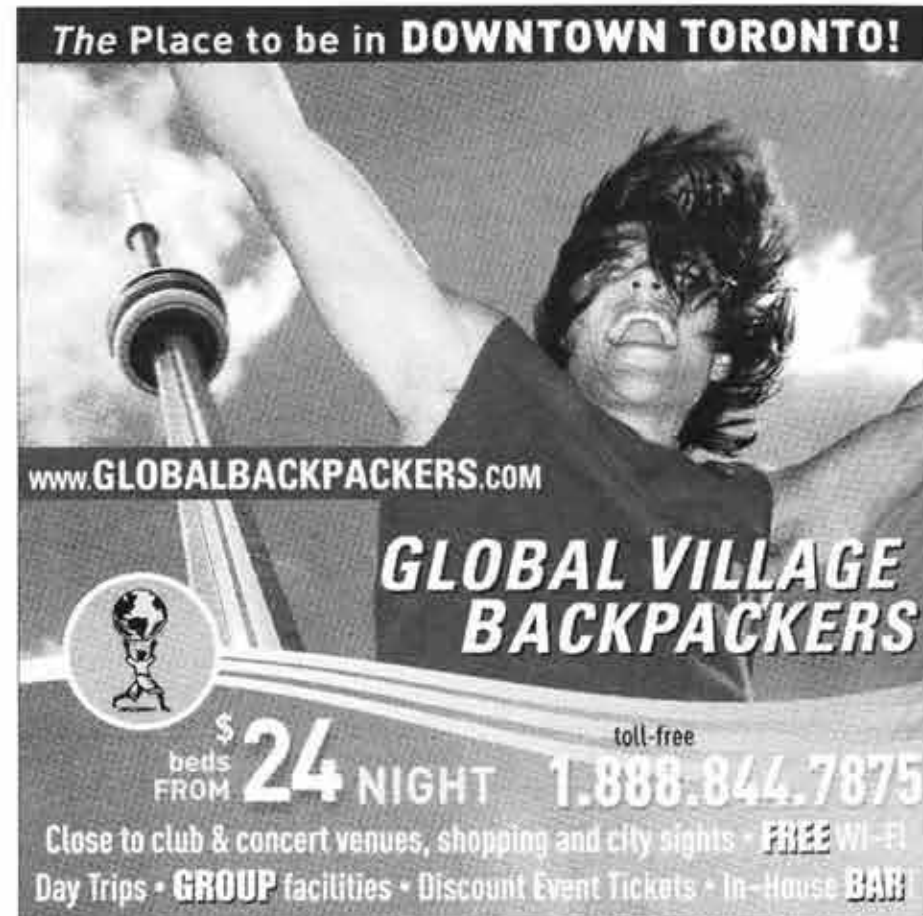
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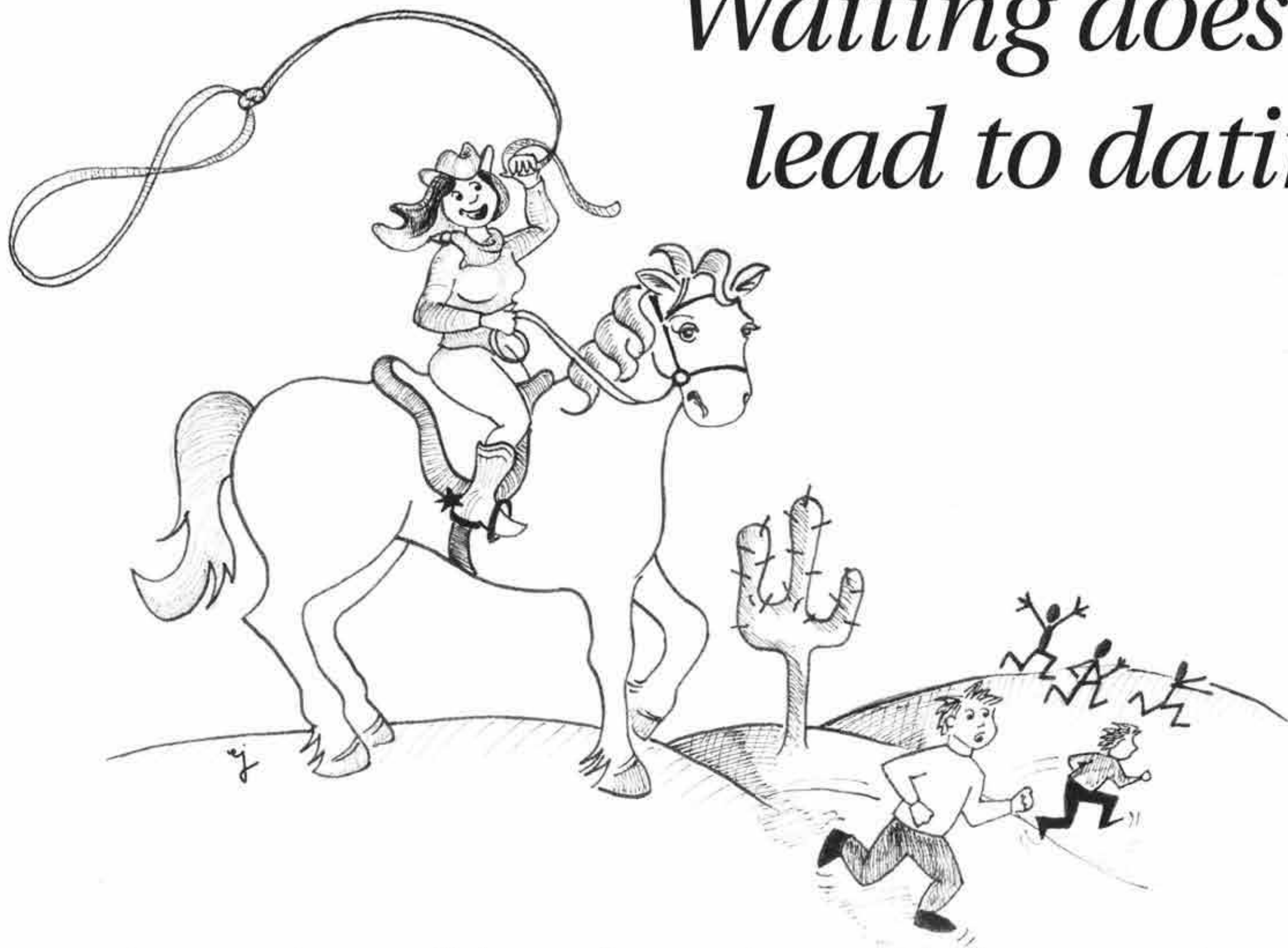
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Waiting doesn't lead to dating



The authors of *He's Just Not That Into You* tell ladies to wait, but our sex columnist urges single girls to get more aggressive



It's a Saturday night, the Finlandia has been drunk and I'm sauced and strolling down University with a gentleman friend. This is not an unusual happenstance, but rather a frequent one after I get into the booze. Thus, I join the ranks of my liquored peers meandering the streets of Waterloo searching for a partner in crime.

Inhibitions are down (not gone) and I am emanating confidence. I am the epitome of suave and am able to put the moves on anyone I deem worthy (and he was; cheers for room 2103).

As I contemplated this fact at a

later, more sober time, I realized that I always seem to be the one who "launches" the moves on guys. Indeed, in this day and age, the tables of who does the majority of initial courting seems to have turned.

Yes, there are still the fondlers at Philthy's and Fubar that will stick their neck out to try to get something going, but what about the actual approach? The guy that goes out there, has some balls and strikes up a conversation? It seems to have become a predominately female act. Or maybe it's just me.

The dating fad book *He's Just Not That Into You: The No-Excuses Truth to Understanding Guys* by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo advises for girls to "lay low" and wait for the guy to come to you. Are you serious?

Behrendt states that when a girl approaches a guy and asks him out it takes the "fun" out of it and leaves the guy feeling less manly. Well, okay then, let the manlymen out so they can start the chase in the game of love.

It's just that it's not happening. If I waited for any of the guys I have been interested in to come to me, I'd still be waiting.

But wait a moment: there is a small hitch in this plan. Where are these guys? I have seen nothing but ball-less wonders since 1996 (boys became an integral part of my life in grade six) and the trend

seems to be continuing.

And it's not that I'm some heinous dog woman who is too physically appalling to approach (remind me to look my best after this article goes to print so I can justify that remark), it's just that it's not happening. If I waited for any of the guys I have been interested in to come to me, I'd still be waiting.

The point of this all: guys need to get back into the game. Despite books and articles dispelling my opinion, my experiences and that of my fellow girlfriends is proof enough for this soldier in the battlefield of love.

In a once male-dominated dat-

ing game, the men seem to be forfeiting, thus making the girls do all the work and getting huffy when they realise that men have lost the upperhand.

I, as you will learn, do not wait around for anything and pride myself on my aggressiveness and impulsiveness—it might get me into trouble but the stories produced are well worth it.

I don't plan to alter my personality in hopes that if I wait around patiently baking cookies and coyly shuffling around clubs or bars, that the guy of my dreams will take it upon himself to walk over.

Get with the program people. In the inspiring words of The Magic School Bus' Ms. Frizzle, "Go ahead! Take chances! Make mistakes! And get messy!"

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Happy Birthday Scorpio!!!



This week you'll have your cake and throw up on it too. Besides your birthday, you have much to celebrate this week. The worst is behind you and this is perfect timing to get completely mashed.

For non-drinking Scorpios, your birthday will be relatively uneventful. However, you will win the lottery.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



Lately you've been veering to the right, but fear not, there's an abundance of one-way streets in Waterloo. Use all of the lanes, you are Jeff Gordon.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)



This weekend you will put on the song "November Rain" by Guns 'n' Roses and lay on your bed and cry for hours about absolutely anything and everything. Now, doesn't that feel better?

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



This week you will not miss a single class. Except for today. And Thursday. Probably Monday too. You're an idiot.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)



If you're pimp and you know it, go on brush your shoulders off. You are so hot right now Aquarius, that Uranus is melting the sun.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)



Congratulations on the great things you are about to achieve this week. You won't see them coming.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)



You live in a world that welcomes talent with open arms. But Aries, you really have no talent. None. So please, stay in school. You can pawn your guitar or paint-set for a supply of beer that will last you all month.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)



One man's ugly vest is another girl's brand new grab bag. Get crafty this week.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)



You've been extremely forgetful lately. Start tattooing notes to yourself all over your body. Remember Sammy Jenkins.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)



You will either be extremely crabby, get bitten by a crab, or contract crabs from a complete stranger you will meet at the Spur. Either way, proceed with extreme caution.

Leo (July 23-August 22)



You haven't gotten laid in a while. On a completely unrelated note, now that midterms are mostly behind you, why not try some do-it-yourself projects?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

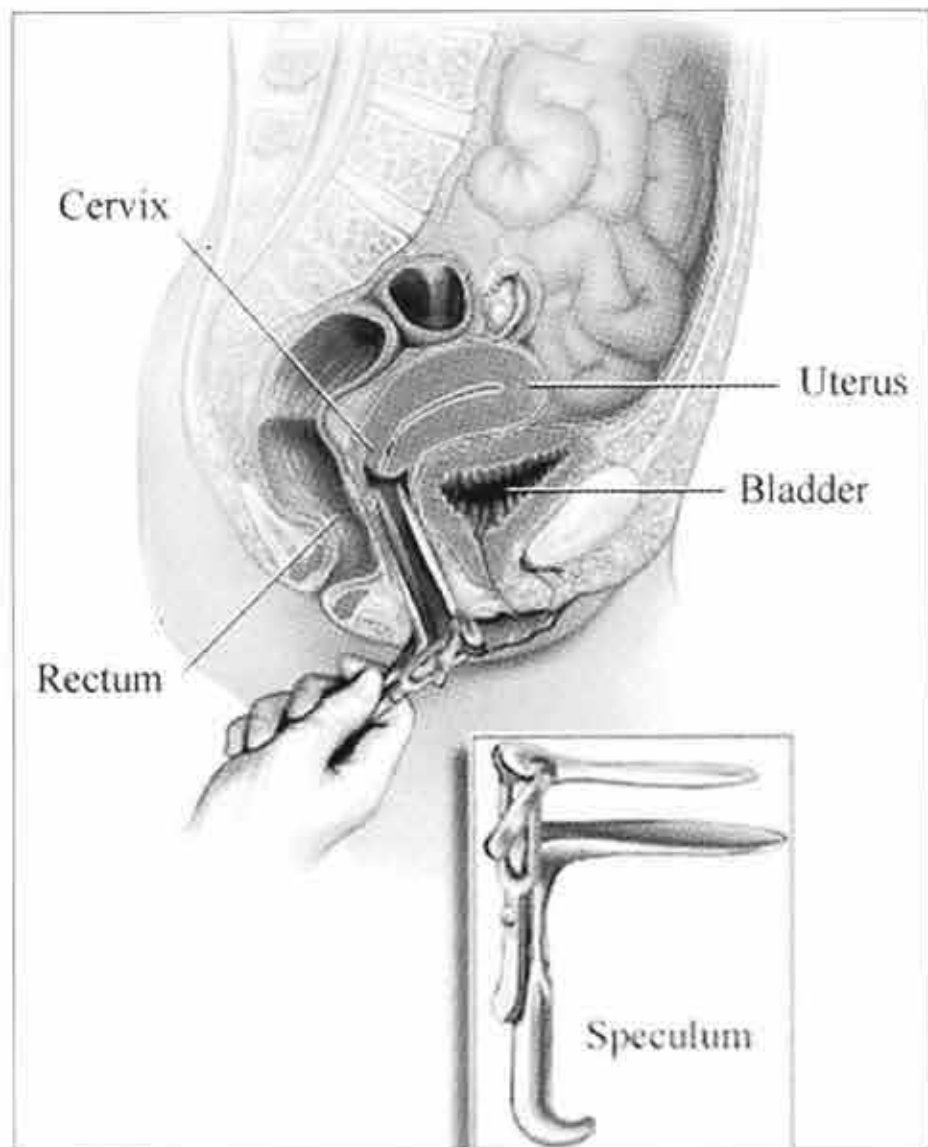


Sorry Virgo, the stars see nothing for you this week. Seek the wisdom of a Chinese fortune cookie. They know waaaaay more than we do.

Michelle Pincher has been fabricating horoscopes since the mid eighties. Her predictions are accurate to within 3.1 percent, 19 times out of 20. She's got skills, you just can't teach 'em.

Fear not the speculum, get your PAP

While slightly uncomfortable, vaginal exams are “no reason to get your panties in a bunch” says **Stacey Ivits**



NOT AS BAD AS IT LOOKS - The speculum in the diagram is the device (usually plastic) that doctors use to open the vagina; this lets them see the cervix.

STACEY IVITS
Student Health Expert

Every girl is nervous the first time. Not over losing her virginity, but something close to it: your first vaginal exam.

A reality for every woman eventually, the vaginal exam comes earlier to those who are sexually active. This exam is important to check for infection and cellular changes that can lead to cancer. It is essential to get one done yearly, either after you become sexually active or when you reach your mid-twenties.

Being the responsible woman that I am, I realized last year that I was going to have to have my first physical and I was totally freaked out. The fear of not knowing what is going to happen in the exam is almost enough to convince you not to go through with it.

I have since realized that I was not the only woman in this predicament.

A friend told me that when she booked an appointment for a “physical” she did not realize how physical it would actually get. She figured that the doctor would look in her mouth and ears, take some blood, etc. When the exam was being explained she was thoroughly petrified.

For some reason, our sex education glossed over this sensitive topic, leading many of us being apprehensive of the procedure.

Ladies, repeat the following: The exam is not as scary as it seems. Sure, it's no picnic and I'm not looking forward to getting mine this year, but it's no reason to get your panties in a bunch. Here is a step by step explanation of what occurs.

By age 50, eighty percent of women will have acquired HPV. While this sexually transmitted virus has no symptoms and virtually no effect on men, this is the virus that causes cervical cancer

First, you put on the flimsy gown. You lay on the exam table and the doctor explains the procedure, and you get to ask questions. Remember, no question is stupid. They've heard them all.

You may be required to put your feet in the “stirrups” or you will just have them on the exam table spread apart.

The doctor (while wearing gloves) will insert a device called a

speculum. It supposedly doesn't hurt but has been known to pinch, a little. All the speculum does is open the vagina so the cervix can be seen.

They take a swab of the cervix to check for infection and do a Pap smear to look for any abnormalities. This may be uncomfortable but it is not horrible.

They also feel for lumps or tenderness of the vagina, uterus,

ovaries, and breasts. This doesn't hurt either.

Don't let your insecurities scare you. There are asymptomatic STDs that are easy to treat, and identifying abnormal cells is essential to preventing and treating cancer.

It's said that by age 50, 80 percent of women will have acquired HPV. While this sexually transmitted virus has no symptoms and virtually no effect on men, this is the virus that causes cervical cancer. Early treatment means a greater chance of beating the disease. A physical could actually save your life, so make that dreaded but essential trip yearly.

Quinoa is the new oatmeal, but for young people

Food expert **Laurie Sadowski** discovers “super-grain” Quinoa, a protein-packed replacement for rice and other grains

LAURIE SADOWSKI
Food for thought

Quinoa (KEEN-wah) is the world's best power food.

Yes, I can say that with confidence. It's often described as a supergrain, as it is the only grain not missing a specific amino acid (lysine), thus, it's a protein powerhouse.

It has more iron, potassium, riboflavin, vitamin B6, niacin and thiamin than any other grain. It delivers magnesium, zinc, copper, manganese and folate.

On top of that it's versatile, easy to make and tastes great.

What does it taste like? Quinoa can replace pretty much any grain, and you can use it in all of your favourite recipes instead of rice and pasta. You can even buy quinoa flakes (pseudo oatmeal), which just screams comfort food.

The Basics

- Rinse the heck out of it before you cook it up. You need to get rid of an initial bitter coating.

- Toasting it for about 5 minutes in a dry skillet before cooking it results in a delicious roasted flavour.

- Basic cooking instructions: two parts liquid, one part quinoa. Boil then simmer for about 15 minutes (the germ will start to escape from the grains).

- Watching your weight? A quarter cup (dry) of quinoa has about 150 calories - comparable to that

of brown or wild rice but much more nutritionally sound: a couple grams of good fats and a couple grams of fiber. Perfect.

- You can buy it at any specialty or health food store or from the organic/specialty foods of your local grocer.

- Need to mix it up? It's also available in flake form—similar to instant oatmeal, ready in a minute and a half.

Quinoa and Beans

- 1 tsp. olive oil
- 1 red onion, diced
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup of uncooked quinoa
- 1 1/2 cups of broth (or water if you must)
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper (optional if you can't take the heat)
- salt/pepper to taste
- 1 cup corn kernels
- 2 large (15 oz.) cans of beans (black beans work best in this), rinsed and drained
- Chopped fresh cilantro (I use about 1/2 cup - I love it)

Fast and easy, this is great to make large amounts of on Sunday for a quick meal to have ready on hand or to grab for school.

Heat oil in a pan over medium-heat. Sauté the onion and garlic. Mix in quinoa and broth, then season with cumin, cayenne, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer for about 20 minutes.

Stir in corn (if using frozen, heat thoroughly), then mix in the beans and cilantro.



KEEN WAH? - This friendly little grain will trip you out. You can make any dish out of it. No, actually that's a lie, but it's way more useful and tasty than lentils. If you don't like the taste, it works as clumping cat litter or road salt.

Hot Quinoa for Breakfast

- 1 cup quinoa
- 2 cup water
- 1 cup apples, sliced thin (or any fruit)
- 1/3 cup raisins
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- Milk or sweetener of choice

Rinse the quinoa and bring it to a boil in water. Reduce heat and simmer for about 5 minutes. Add the fruit and cinnamon, and simmer until all water is absorbed. Top with milk and sweetener.

Quinoa Pudding

- 1 cup of quinoa, rinsed, drained
- 2 cups of water
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 cups of soy milk or milk
- 1/3 cup real maple syrup
- 1/3 cup of raisins, cranberries, currants
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup of roasted pecans, chopped

Put the quinoa, water, salt and cinnamon in a saucepan. Cover and boil, then reduce and simmer for

15 minutes. Add milk and syrup and simmer for 10 minutes. Mix in fruit and vanilla, cover and remove from heat. Let stand for about 15 minutes and garnish with nuts.

Truly a super grain

Breakfast, appetizer, dinner and even dessert, it's time every student gets to know Quinoa on a first-name basis. Remember, it's pronounce “keen-wah.”

Scale of Procrastinatory Pull



DJ DEMERS
"I should be studying"

I would be a diligent student if television, friends, the internet, food, and the telephone did not exist. Perhaps that is not true. Given a tennis ball and a wall, I am fairly confident I would find a way to kill a few hours.

However, there are certainly specific activities that have the ability to divert my attention from work under any circumstances. One of these activities is watching NFL football. Simply put, football is the devil. I don't do any work all day Friday and all day Saturday.

"Don't worry; I've got all of Sunday!" I say. Inexplicably, I neglect to remember that there are approximately 85 televised football games on Sunday. To be honest, I don't even like watching football games that much. I love football but the games drone on forever. Still, these games keep me hooked for three full hours.

How does football keep me so entranced? It baffled me until I was watching NFL highlights on The Score for the third time in an hour and I had an epiphany, more vivid than a Kelly Kapowski dream. Football has a magnetic attraction, a procrastinatory pull, if you will (and yes, I made this term up).

I believe then, that a new scale is in order. I have saved you some time and created it for you. I call it the Scale of Procrastinatory Pull. It

measures the ease with which a particular activity attracts you away from the important things you should be doing.

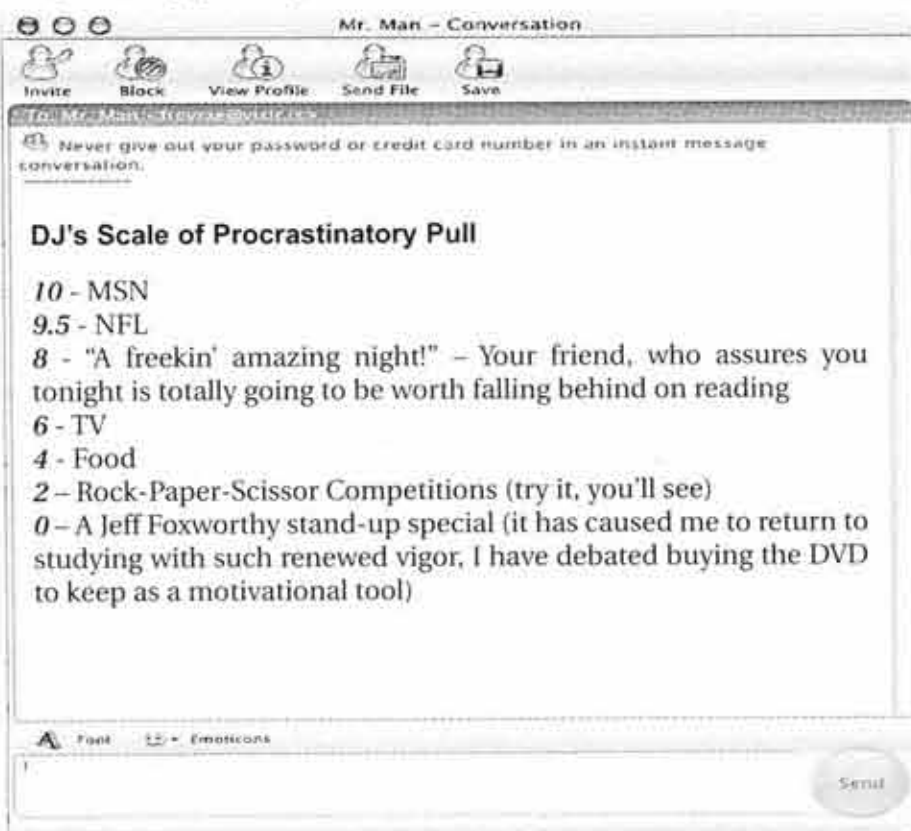
Obviously, I cannot speak for everyone. I know of people who can procrastinate by cleaning. I cannot fathom how you can avoid doing work by doing an even more mundane task. You people are sick. But hey, who am I to judge?

This scale is cumulative as well. If you warm up some pizza (food - 4) and flick on *The Simpsons* (TV - 6), you have yourself a 10, my friend. And if you are on MSN (MSN - 10) for an hour when your friend messages and convinces you to skip reading because that hot girl from psych may be at the

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I hope the Scale of Procrastinatory Pull has helped you pinpoint exactly why you were doing that essay at 4 am last night when you have had three weeks to do it. You now know it wasn't your fault. Blame it on the power of the procrastinatory pull. I am sorry for the low quality of this column. It was a real last-minute job.

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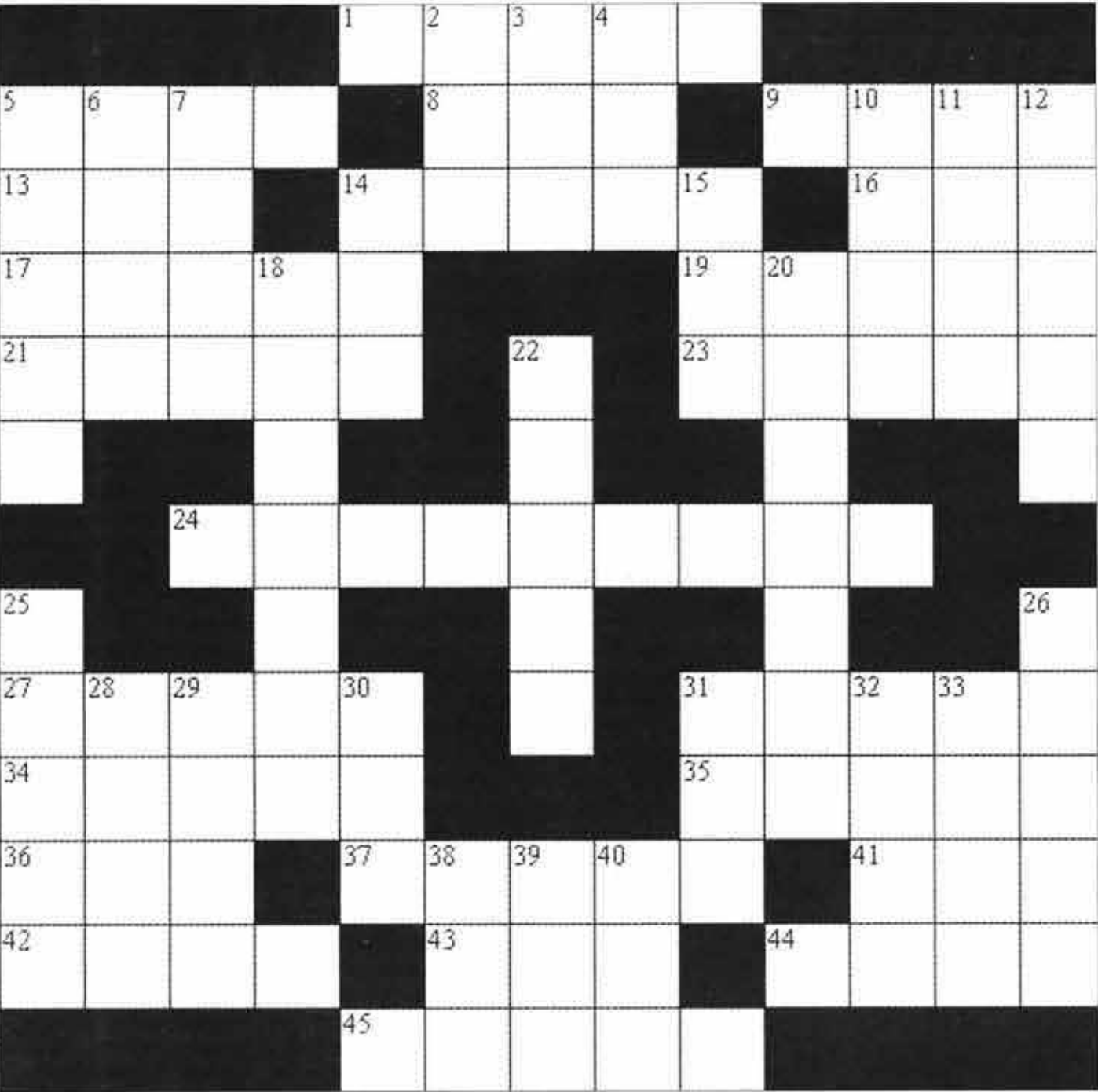
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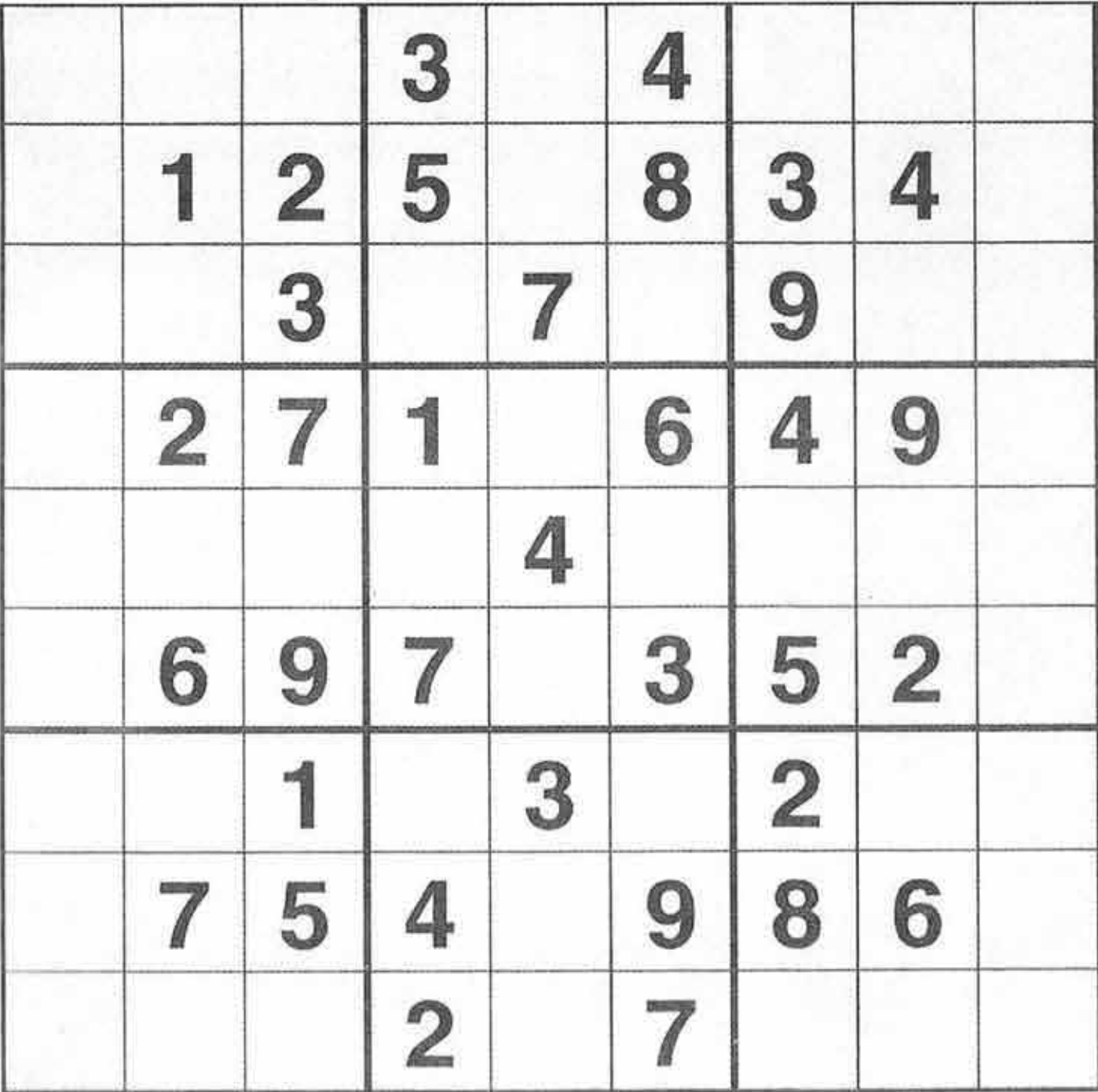
Across:

- 1. Chunk of grass that goes with golf ball
- 5. Inner legs
- 8. A musical instrument of northern Africa and southwest Asia resembling a lute
- 9. The ____ of March
- 13. Like a paddle, but with a fixed pivot
- 14. Sweet crystals
- 16. Male goat
- 17. Like a fad or a trend
- 19. Like opus, but plural
- 21. Genus of widely distributed lichens
- 23. Arranged fights between individuals
- 24. Presenting the substance in a condensed form
- 27. Bill & Ted catchword
- 31. Keyed string instrument
- 34. A small light pancake [ask a Russian friend]
- 35. Group of unified workers
- 36. What Legolas is
- 37. Process of carefully looking through particulate matter
- 41. Date that you have to bring your library books back
- 42. Android from Star Trek
- 43. Old French coin
- 44. To prevent
- 45. Not Full

Down:

- 2. "I owe you"
- 3. A small cavity in a rock or vein
- 4. Open Document Architecture
- 5. Someone who substitutes temporarily for another member of the same profession
- 6. Plural of 13 across
- 7. North of Iraq
- 10. To be able to do or endure
- 11. Nobleperson
- 12. What Hulk do
- 14. Sail the seven ____s
- 15. Like a bar or wand
- 18. In the Bible, a son of Jacob and Leah and the forebear of one of the tribes of Israel
- 20. To steal, often in a violation of trust
- 22. Surf____, snow____, skate____
- 25. What the tide did
- 26. What bees make
- 28. A rounded earthenware pot or jar
- 29. What a present is
- 30. Sister slang
- 31. Found in zits
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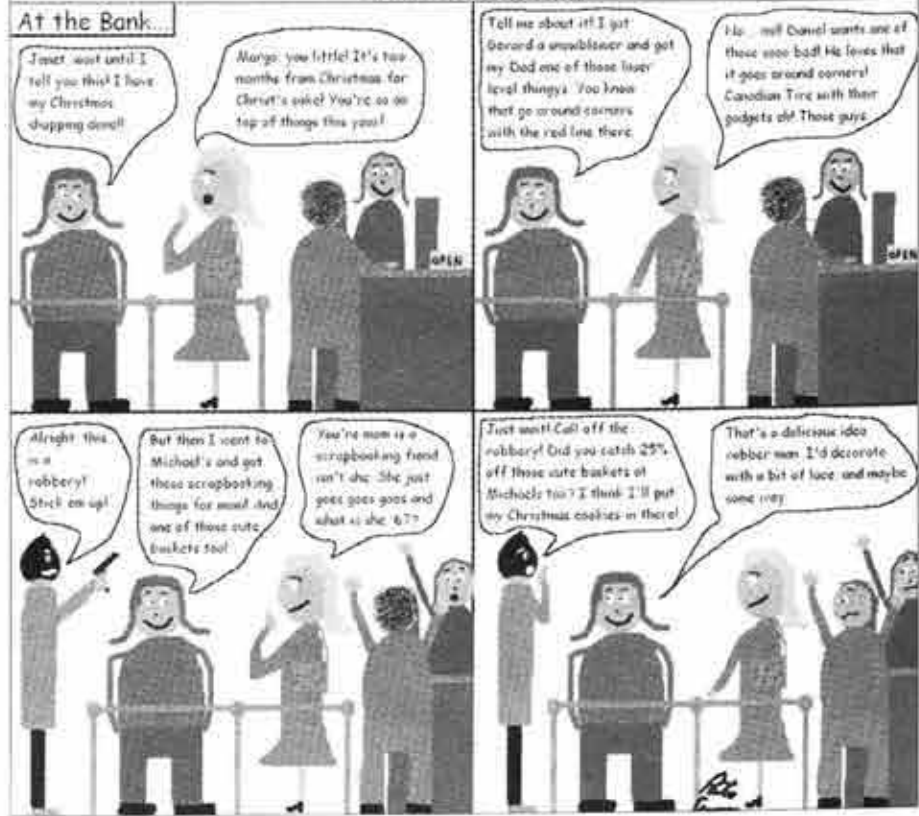
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Ugly is the new hip.
The Matriarch

Thanks to Ada, Catherine, Micaela for solid articles, to Heather for bailing us out, to Dan for his magic touch, to Ritz sandwich crackers, to my parents for putting up with me, to Blair and her parents for the hospitality, to Spookey Stacey, to Bloc Party for being fucking amazing. And finally, thanks to the couple that constantly has sex upstairs, despite the fact that your fornication is extremely loud and mercilessly keeps me awake, your enthusiasm and endurance are an inspiration to us all. Stainte, AM.

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>Film Reviews

Cage shines on a rainy day

Oscar-winner plays a dour weatherman in the year's funniest drama. Or is it a sad comedy?

The Weather Man



4.5 out of a possible 5 Pixelated Sputniks

Director: Gore Verbinski

Release Date: October 28, 2005

Starring: Nicholas Cage

DRU JEFFRIES
Film Critic

"If you don't want your father to think you're a silly fuck", David Spritz (Nicholas Cage) laments, "don't slap other men with your gloves. 'Cause that's what he's going to think. Unless you're a 19th century nobleman. Which I'm not."

This line, with Cage's wry delivery, summarizes *The Weather Man*. Spritz is overly concerned with what people think of him, who he is and what he isn't. What he isn't is a good father, though not for lack of trying. Instead, he really is a depressed, "silly fuck" weatherman.

The film is either the funniest drama of the year or the saddest comedy, and I'm not sure which. When Spritz splashes water on his face, he's refreshed; his voice-over tells us so. When a milkshake hits

him on the street, he is anything but. *The Weather Man* draws a fine line between drama and comedy, and skilfully jumps it throughout the film like a child performing a complicated jump-rope routine.

Nicholas Cage's face, which is one of the most expressive in contemporary cinema, anchors the entire film in a realism that a more unrealistically handsome actor could not achieve. It's also one of his more subdued performances. He still lets the emotional fireworks fly, but it isn't forced. David Lynch once compared Cage's style of acting to jazz music; he hits all the right notes, and not always the ones that are expected.

Unexpected also, considering that the film is being marketed as a comedy, is the seriousness of some of the film's themes. Adolescent sexuality, for one. Spritz's sex life is briefly and hilariously touched upon, but his children are more sexualized than he is. His overweight daughter is sexually harassed at school (though she hasn't the terminology to be aware of it) and his son is practically molested by his male rehab counsellor.

In the film, the illusion of the American Dream is made cynically real. It's a "great American



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I HATE MYSELF AND WANT TO DIE - Nick Cage perfects his trademark melancholy *Weather Man* expression.

accomplishment" to move into a higher salary bracket at the expense of personal happiness and fulfillment. It's a dream come true to try as hard as you can to be a good father only to have your children still despise you. It's a gift to have your celebrity turn on you in the form of flying McDonald's pies and Big Gulps. This is the America that Spritz says hello to every morning.

Cage's character could be considered by some to be a jerk, but it's more complicated than that. He's not the two-dimensional image on the TV weather report: David Spritz is a real person that suffers from depression and anxiety. He is the symptom; the disease is contemporary American society. If this doesn't sound funny, it's because it isn't. But the film is. I laughed harder and more often

during *The Weather Man* than I did in *Wedding Crashers* and *The Forty-Year-Old Virgin* combined. It's not the same kind of humour—it's closer to *Punch-Drunk Love* funny—but it works. I knew that Nicholas Cage had this kind of film in him, but who knew that director Gore Verbinski (*The Ring*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*) did?

Elizabethtown fails to Bloom



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Elizabethtown



3 out of a possible 5 Legolas heads

Director: Cameron Crowe

Release Date: October 14, 2005

Starring: Orlando Bloom

ADRIAN MA
News Editor

Elizabethtown is named after a small back-road place in the country, somewhere away from the big city where everything seems to operate at an easy pace.

As a traveler, you're intrigued by the possibility of finding uniqueness in the locale, but despite the presence of different scenery and a few quirky characters, it still has the same dynamic as every other small, backwater town. Not a very exciting prospect.

And neither is *Elizabethtown*. The story is built on the *Jerry*

Maguire template: a conflicted man fights the personal demons of his failures and insecurity, while managing to catch the eye of a neurotic-yet-lovable blonde woman who compels him to embark on a journey of self-discovery. All the while it's set to a pretty damn good soundtrack.

Drew Baylor (Bloom) is a disgraced shoe designer whose blunder costs him his job, girlfriend and enthusiasm for life. He is plagued by even more tragedy when he finds out his father has suddenly died.

On his way to Elizabethtown to collect his father's body and settle family affairs, he meets Claire (played with manic energy by Kirsten Dunst), a flight attendant who tries to help Baylor cope with the crushing weight of his self-doubt and regret. He begins to emerge from his self-protective state as he connects with his father's enormous, herd-like extended family, culminating with

him taking a road trip with his father's ashes.

While *Elizabethtown* features many of the same elements that made *Jerry Maguire* a success, Cameron Crowe's latest project fails to reach the same level. The movie is sluggish, diluted and missing a lot of the colour and heart that Crowe usually injects (*Say Anything*, *Almost Famous*). Despite Orlando Bloom's rising-star status and a solid cast including Susan Sarandon and Alec Baldwin, the picture suffers from a lack of focus and fails to carry any real weight.

Bloom, in his first substantial role that doesn't have him riding a horse or firing arrows at goblins, gives an admirable effort but produces mediocre results. While his character is understandably in a shell-shocked haze of grief, he comes off as dopey, ineffectual and rather bland. When his emotions finally do surface, the tears seem more than a little forced.

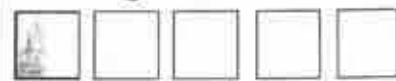
Conversely, Kirsten Dunst plays her character in an over-the-top manner that is as entertaining as it is unconvincing. Both actors are talented, but together their chemistry is a clumsy fit.

The saving grace of *Elizabethtown* is the music, which is an impressive mix of American heartland classics pilfered from Crowe's record collection. Drawing upon a diverse set of artists, from iconic rockers Tom Petty and Lindsay Buckingham to current alt-country troubadour Ryan Adams, the soundtrack conveys the bittersweet love/hate relationships that everyone has with their family, home and history.

Ultimately, *Elizabethtown* is a movie with ambitions that outstrip the abilities of the filmmakers and actors. It's a story about mortality, love and family that tries valiantly to be life affirming, but ends up as a meandering tale that doesn't satisfy.

The Fog brings worse weather

The Fog



0.5 out of a possible 5 Old Girl Wooden Ships

Director: Wainwright/Hill/Carpenter

Release Date: October 15, 2005

Starring: Tom Welling, Maggie Grace

DRU JEFFRIES
Film Critic

Can you imagine what would happen if weather systems suddenly became sentient?

After all of the shit that we've collectively been pulling on Mother Nature, I can picture environmental disaster after disaster, resulting in death on a massive scale.

What *The Fog* offers is decidedly more tame.

In the film, Tom Welling (*Smallville*) and Maggie Grace (*Lost*) prove they're not worth casting in anything other than TV.

This is what *The Day After Tomorrow* would have been if it didn't have a political agenda. In other words, nothing.

The Fog uses tired horror clichés as if they were the Ten Commandments; the pointless sex scene, the cheap scares, the drunken minister, the crazy old guy with a beard and the heroine that figures out the mystery through coincidence after coincidence. It's all here, and none of it is the least bit frightening.

Celine Dion is Satan: Opeth

DARRYL CREMASCO
Cord Arts & Entertainment

Mikael Åkerfeldt, in his characteristically calm disposition, concluded his list of favorite Canadian musicians with Celine Dion, getting a unanimous boo from the crowd.

"In fact," continued Opeth's front-man, "this next song is by her. It's about Satan," leading into another wicked tune by the progressive death metal ensemble.

Just in time for Halloween, last Friday's double bill at the Opera House featuring Nevermore and Opeth was totally evil. Both netherworldy bands punched out material from two albums released last July.

This Godless Endeavor by Nevermore features the band at its production apex, far outstripping the disappointing release of *Enemies of Reality*. Opeth's *Ghost Reveries* has shown yet again why the Swedish quintet is so well received by audiences from "all walks of death."

Nevermore put on a stellar show to get things started. Frontman Warrel Dane viciously consumed the microphone as guitars sliced through the sonic bombardment with inhumanly fast shredding riffs, all the while maintaining the melodic sweetness that separates Nevermore from traditional death metal groups.

Opeth's two-hour line up was characterized by slower and quieter material. If postmodernism

can be applied to metal, Opeth is unquestionably the most 'Pomo' band out there.

Drawing from influences as early as Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin, Opeth brings the best elements of melodic death metal and combines them with a smorgasbord of atmospheric song writing. Structure and consistency are entirely washed away with every album this mega-progressive band releases.

Aside from a few traditionally intense death metal moments present on both ends of the track list, Opeth's newest album is extremely meditative, exploring fascinating Eastern-sounding ambiances. The "Björk of the metal world" had no trouble keeping the crowd's attention through ten-minute-plus works, and played a much-desired double encore. By the end of the night, lighter fuel was running low.

Perhaps the most enticing aspect of Opeth's live set is Åkerfeldt's stage presence. Not only does he have the ability to sing extraordinarily well in both clean and growling vocal styles, but his extremely bland, yet hilarious personality made it a lot of fun for the crowd.

He was even kind enough to give the audience a lecture on proper death metal vocal technique, which we had multiple opportunities to hone throughout the evening.

Rollins rants, raves



JAY GUITARD
Cord Arts & Entertainment

Although he didn't make it to Waterloo this year, and evening with Henry Rollins is always worth the drive to Toronto.

For the uninitiated, Rollins started off as a singer for punk legends Black Flag. When they broke up in 1987, he started issuing releases with his own Rollins Band, a hard-rock outfit that is still technically active. Often hailed as an alternative guru in the entertainment media, Rollins was a prominent pop culture icon in the 90s as when he played bit parts in movies and occasionally VJed on MTV.

Those familiar with his spoken word performances would have an idea of what to expect, and Rollins delivered.

The show started off with general soapboxing, and it was soon evident that Rollins is not a George Bush supporter. Although the majority of the topics covered at this point in the show were current American issues, Rollins made an effort to cater to the Canadian audience. He got a pretty good

response out of the university crowd when he mentioned Prime Minister Paul Martin's cool demeanor in his portrayal on American media, as a man capable of speaking two languages while Bush struggles with just one.

Thankfully, he didn't spend the entire show talking about politics, and moved to more entertaining storytelling for most of the remaining time. Listening to Rollins share his stories always provides a comically candid image of the life of a professional rock musician, but with almost all of the glamour removed.

As he doesn't drink or do drugs and spends most of his personal time in seclusion, the stories generally revolve around what he does to keep himself occupied between tours and performances.

Those interested in hearing Henry Rollins as a spoken word performer would be advised to check out his 1998 double-disc release *Think Tank*. Recorded in two separate shows, it serves as a great entry point into what one would expect at an event, as it has a good mix of political ranting and effective storytelling.



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BY THE BEARD OF ZEUS - Mikael Åkerfeldt of Opeth came on for a double-encore during last week's show in Toronto, showcasing their fantastic new album *Ghost Reveries* and insulting Celine Dion in the process.

> Video Game Review

Ultimate Spider-man game a webslinging success



ALEX HAYTER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Ah, Spider-man. So obviously the best superhero ever. He can't fly, doesn't use weapons and, in comparison to most heroes, he's not particularly strong.

So why is Spider-man one of the world's most popular comic book characters, and why are new Spider-man video games coming out in masses each year? Why do I love Spider-man so much?

It's because the web-slinger's radioactive formula works flawlessly. It's easy to identify with a bullied teenager whose salvation comes from being turned into a wall-crawling mutant masterpiece.

Ultimate Spider-man carries out this fantasy to a tee. The game casts you as Peter Parker at age 15, with a significantly altered storyline and characters from the original comic book/cartoon. Thankfully, *Ultimate* has nothing to do with the Tobey Maguire movies and takes its own slant on the world of Marvel comics.

Eddie Brock (better known as Venom) makes a welcome appearance in the game as Peter's childhood friend. The two discover a costume engineered by their parents which gives the wearer



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MASKED MARAUDER - This is how Super-heroes use the washroom

advanced strength and superpowers.

While fans of the original Spider-man comics may be disappointed with this radically new plot-line, readers of the *Ultimate* comic book will be satisfied at how close the game sticks to its adaptation.

Like in Activision's *Spider-man 2*, the game is set in New York, albeit rendered in a much more clunky, comic book style, which works surprisingly well. Characters and cars are rendered using cell-shading technology, giving the awe-inspiring impression that they are jumping right off of Stan Lee's pages. It looks great.

The contrasted gameplay between using Spider-man and Venom adds a unique twist to the game. As Spider-man, you twist

and dive acrobatically through skyscrapers and knock out villains with jumps and combo attacks. Venom, however, doesn't travel with webbing; he leaps over buildings in huge bounds, and makes use of different wrestling-style moves during combat.

Although exploring the city and the game's presentation provides good times for all, combat is where the game is lacking. The strategy for fighting every boss is repetitive; run away, attack, run away, repeat.

Despite these annoyances, *Ultimate* is still a very fun game. While it won't win any awards for being a good fighting game, nothing beats slipping on your nylon-suit and going for a quick swing around the Big Apple between study breaks.

Flowin' prose: rap's best lyricists



LEO YU
Hip Hop Correspondent

In the rap game, there is a constant debate whether producers or artists run hip hop.

The lyricism of modern mainstream rappers is sorely lacking, as they choose to rely on catchy hooks and flowery production to sell their music.

Gone are the days of rappers earning respect through cutting-edge lyricism.

So, in order to bring the spotlight back to where it belongs, I've composed a list of the five of the best hip hop lyricists. It was based on the artist's wordplay, rhyme pattern and song structure. The artists are placed in no particular order.

Big L

Notorious for his ferocious rhymes, smart lyrics, and lethal metaphors Big L was truly one of Harlem's finest. Big L's lyrical strength lies in his ability to come up with humorous, well-crafted punch lines and skillfully executed internal rhymes.

Unfortunately, Big L was brutally murdered, shot seven times in the head and chest on February 15, 1999.

Best Lyrical Song:
"Let 'Em Have It L"

Best Lines: "What's this mother-fuckin' rap game without L? / Yo, that's like jewels without ice/ that's like china without rice/ or the Holy Bible without Christ/ or the Bulls without Mike/ or crackheads without pipes/ The Village without dykes/ or hockey games without fights"

- "The Big Picture (Intro)"
The Big Picture (2000)

Eminem

Marshall Mathers needs no introduction.

The former battle rapper has successfully transferred his hilarious lyrics and complex internal rhymes to songwriting, as he's displayed his ability to tell a story with vivid imagery. With songs like "Stan", "8 Mile", "Lose Yourself", "As

the World Turns" and "Yellow Brick Road", it is easy to see why Eminem is referred to as the "Great White Hope" by the likes of Snoop Dogg.

Best Lyrical Song:
"8 Mile"
8 Mile Soundtrack (2002)

Best Lines: "My mother did drugs - tar, liquor, cigarettes, and speed/ the baby came out disfigured, ligaments indeed/ it was a seed who would grow up just as crazy as she/ don't dare to make fun of that baby cause that baby was me."

- "Criminal"
The Marshall Mathers LP (2000)

Nas

Born Nasir Jones, Nas grew up in the Queensbridge Houses in Brooklyn, where his experiences with everyday struggles and a violent environment are well-documented in his songs.

Not only has Nas mastered the art of detailing events with intricate rhymes, he has also created extraordinary concept songs.

With all the qualities of a masterful lyricist, it isn't hard to tell why his 1994 debut album, *Illmatic*, is considered a classic by many hip hop critics.

Best Lyrical Song:
"The World Is Yours"

Best Line: "I never sleep, cause sleep is the cousin of death"

- "N.Y. State of Mind"
Illmatic (1994)

Talib Kweli

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Kweli was the eldest of two sons born to college professors.

Renowned for his inspirational rhymes and use of similes and metaphors, his lyrical prowess was on full display on his 2000 debut album with DJ Hi-Tek, *Reflection Eternal*.

Considered a poet, philosopher and motivator by many, Talib Kweli is without a doubt one of the greatest lyricists of our time.

Best Lyrical Song:
"Move Somethin'"

Best Line: "Even when we suffer

losses I account the victory"

- "The Blast"
Reflection Eternal (2000)

Canibus

The hip-hop world was blessed with a gifted lyricist back in 1974, when Germaine Williams (commonly known as Canibus) was born in Jamaica.

Canibus had become an aggressive battle emcee with an interesting mixture of unmatched book-smarts and street-smarts.

He remains one of the few rappers these days that would require you to use to a dictionary when listening to his lyrics.

Best Lyrical Song:
"Poet Laureate II"

Best Lines: "If I had half as many bars of gold/ as I had of lyrics when I flowed/ I'd be the richest man on the globe."

- "Doomsday News"
2000 B.C. (2000)



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